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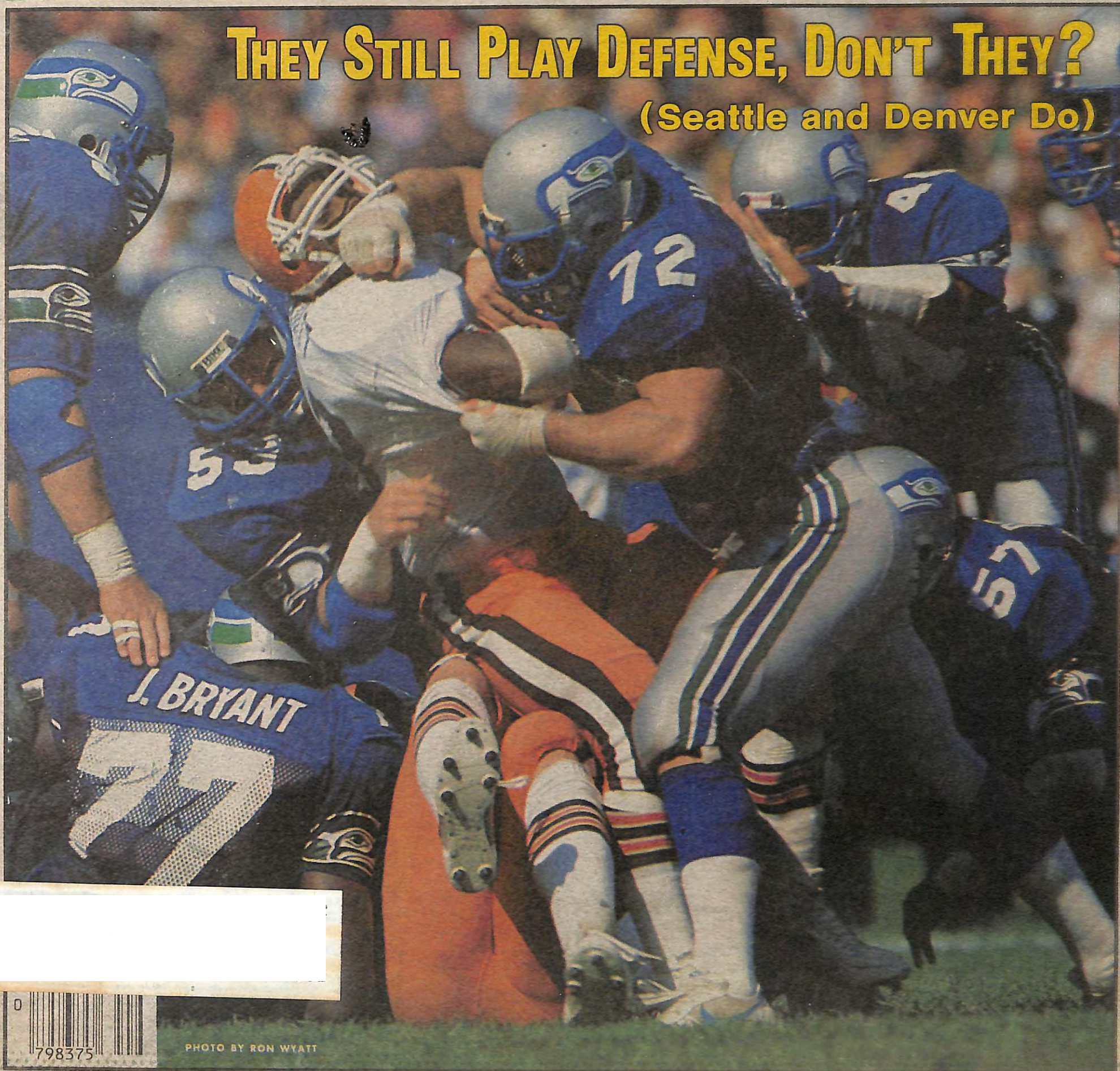


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DEE-fense!!!

The Rules Have Been Changed to Help the Offense, and Quarterbacks Are Taking the NFL Record Books Apart . . . But Defense Is Alive and Well in Denver and Seattle

By PAUL ATTNER
National Correspondent

DENVER—We interrupt our regularly scheduled stories about golden-armed quarterbacks and rampaging runners to bring you this bulletin from various outposts around the National Football League.

As far-fetched as this may seem, there are reports that some teams actually are playing—dare we say it?—defense. Please, don't laugh. This is serious business.

For younger readers, "defense" likely is a word foreign to your pro football vocabulary. Try to understand it this way: Defense is when the team without the ball actually does something—anything—to impede the progress of the team with the ball.

Astonishing, huh?

As for older readers, don't think for a second we are reporting the reincarnation of Ray Nitschke, Dick Butkus, Bubba Smith and the boys. The Doomsday Defense and the Purple People Eaters can rest easy; no one in the NFL today is threatening to replace them.

But there are eyewitness accounts filtering out of Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle and here in Denver that give credence to these defensive rumors.

Let us quickly add that the new defense in the NFL bears little resemblance to the good old days, which include any

games preceding those blasphemous rules changes in the late 1970s. Thanks to those changes, which prevented receivers from being chucked after five yards and allowed offensive linemen to use their hands on blocking, defenders now all but have to play with one hand. And that hand had better not be very aggressive, either.

In the good old days, defensive teams *stuffed* offenses, shoved mud (remember football in the mud?) in their faces and were embarrassed if some teams gained maybe 200 yards.

But stuffing has gone the way of natural grass and the straight-on kicker. Now, the important statistics for a defensive unit are its takeaway/giveaway ratio and its points allowed—and just ignore the yardage figures. This is the era of defense by opportunity, which depends on creating turnovers to negate all those long gainers. And for some franchises this season, opportunity has knocked a lot more than once.

Consider the two teams that played here November 25 to try to determine the kingpin of the American Football Conference Western Division.

Neither Seattle nor Denver would be thinking one second about a Super Bowl trip this year if it had to rely on its offense. Seattle's offense went for a tumble along with Curt Warner, who suffered a major knee injury in the Seahawks' opening game. The Broncos' offense has been so bad at times that Denver fans have considered filing a missing persons report with the police.

But Seattle's Chuck Knox and Denver's Dan Reeves are no

fools. They realize their defenses are their strengths—their path to the playoffs—and they've tailored their offensive thinking accordingly. They've embraced ball control.

Consider these numbers: After 12 games, Seattle was ranked 26th in the league on offense and Denver 20th. More embarrassingly, the Broncos had been outgained by their opponents, 4,284 yards to 3,641. But Seattle had committed only 28 turnovers, Denver just 23, which means neither team was hurting its defensive unit by making too many mistakes. That's a formula the Washington Redskins used to reach the Super Bowl the last two years.

Chicago, San Francisco and the Los Angeles Raiders may have better overall defensive talent than either Seattle or Denver. But now that the Redskins have stumbled this season, no one in the NFL plays better defense by opportunity than these two AFC West dynamos.

After 12 weeks, the Seahawks were second in the NFL in turnover-takeaway ratio (plus 27). Who was first? The Broncos, of course, with plus 28. And which teams were ranked 1-2 in fewest points allowed? Right again: Denver (171) and Seattle (176). That's defense by opportunity, one reason fans in Denver cared little that their team was rated a dismal 24th in total defense, giving up 357 yards a game.

Here's some other striking numbers: Denver also was first both in fewest touchdowns allowed (19) and fewest touchdown passes allowed (9), even though the Broncos were ranked next to last in passing yards surrendered. Seattle was first in interceptions (31), fumble recoveries (24) and takeaways (55), while Denver was second in all three categories. The Seahawks also were first in touchdowns scored by the defense with eight, and Denver was second with seven.

Why had Denver won 11 of its first 12 games? Consider this: turnovers caused by the defense had set up 140 Denver points this season, including those seven touchdowns scored by defensive players. A 64-yard touchdown run by safety Dennis Smith with a recovered fumble beat the Patriots; back-to-back fumble returns for touchdowns by safety Steve Foley and cornerback Louie Wright in the first 37 seconds beat Green Bay. In the Broncos' 22-19 overtime victory over the Raiders, a fumble recovery at the Denver 16 near the end of regulation preceded a drive to the tying touchdown; in overtime, a fumble recovery at the Denver 11 prevented a winning field goal by the Raiders, and later an interception by defensive back Roger Jackson set up Denver's winning field goal.

In all, Denver had four touchdown returns with recovered fumbles, and that tied an NFL record. Seattle, meanwhile, had relied more on interceptions, bringing back seven for touchdowns, including four in one game against the devastated Kansas City Chiefs.

The Seahawks' takeaways had led to 135 points, plus another 36 as a result of defensive plays by members of the special teams. Terry Jackson and Keith Simpson both returned passes for touchdowns against Chicago, while nose tackle Joe Nash recovered a fumble in the end zone. Against Green Bay, two sacks and an interception in the end zone stopped a last-minute rally by the Packers and preserved a 30-24 win. In the last 1½ quarters of a 17-14 victory over the Raiders, Seattle had four sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery and blocked a field goal attempt.

The Seahawks already have broken the club records for interceptions, which was 26, and sacks, which was 43. Denver is within range of its marks for sacks (50) and interceptions (32).

"I suppose Chicago still can stuff you on defense and Pittsburgh tries to do it," said Tom Catlin, Seattle's veteran defensive coordinator. "But to survive now, you have to force turnovers and get some breaks. It's the only way to stop everyone from marching up and down the field."

Denver, however, didn't make any breaks November 25 in the noisy championship atmosphere of orange and blue at Mile



Mike Harden (right) has contributed five interceptions to Denver's turnover harvest.

High Stadium. The Seahawks did all the marching, gaining 466 yards, including 406 passing yards by quarterback Dave Krieg, to pull out a 27-24 victory after Rich Karlis missed an easy 25-yard field goal with 35 seconds left. His kick hit the right upright and bounced away.

The loss snapped Denver's 10-game winning streak, and now Seattle had the NFL's longest string, seven. The teams were tied for the AFC West lead with 11-2 records.

Ironically, there were just two turnovers in the game, both by Denver. Yet one of the mistakes, an alleged fumble by tight end Clarence Kay, became the most controversial play of the day. Television replays showed clearly that Kay never had control of a short fourth-quarter swing pass from John Elway. But line judge Bama Glass, who was standing behind Kay, ruled it a fumble, with Seattle recovering at the Bronco 28. The error led to a 28-yard field goal by Norm Johnson that proved to be the decisive points.

"A call like that has to be made without any doubt," said Reeves. "He (Glass) saw it from the same angle I did. There was no way he could tell it was a fumble." Added Kay, who was sure he merely dropped the pass: "When you look back at (the play), who looks like a fool, me or him?"

Still, Seattle deserved to win, even if Elway put together a marvelous 55-yard drive to almost give the Broncos their seventh come-from-behind triumph of the season.

The Denver defense is designed to prevent long plays, yet the Seahawks opened with an 80-yard touchdown pass from Krieg to Daryl Turner on the first play from scrimmage. The Broncos responded by stretching out their defense, leaving the middle zone loosely covered. That opened up patterns for receiver Steve Largent, who had a career-high 12 catches for 191 yards.

Seattle also protected Krieg well. Denver's pass coverage had benefited all season from the rush generated by its front three, freeing linebackers to shadow receivers. But the Broncos had no sacks against the Seahawks, and Krieg had enough time to patiently scan the secondary for open receivers. To get some pressure, Denver was forced to blitz more than usual, especially on third down, but Krieg repeatedly beat the tactic with completions. The Broncos were weakened by the absence of Smith, their injured safety, who probably is the team's best athlete.

"It seemed that Seattle found the weakness of every defense we tried," said frustrated linebacker Steve Busick. Said Seattle assistant Steve Moore: "When Dave has that much time, he has time to go through the progression of receivers so he should find the defense's weakness."

It really isn't surprising that Seattle gained a lot of yards against the Broncos. "We never have been very good at shutting off people," said Joe Collier, the Broncos' longtime defensive coordinator. "We are really a conservative defense; we don't do a lot of fancy things."

No question, Collier is a percentages man. His players will tell you he has a computer stuck up somewhere in his brain, and that computer will spit out percentages on just about any defensive statistic you want.

But there is one number that Collier doesn't need that computer to remember: 80.

"You make a team drive 80 yards enough times and you are bound to get some turnovers," said Collier, an aloof, thoughtful, quiet but to-the-point man who would make a fine mild-mannered college professor.

It's the old bend-but-don't-break theory, and Collier firmly believes in it, as do his players. As embarrassing as some of the Broncos' defensive yardage numbers are, he knows that this era of offensive freedom has made picking up a first down as easy as laughing at the USFL. The real test now is keeping folks off the scoreboard, and you do that by forcing mistakes.

Football aficionados will remember the name Joe Collier. Think back to 1977, the glory days of the Broncos and the Orange Crush defense. It was a different era, with different players, but the style's the same, because the coach, Collier, is the same. Although the Broncos no longer are called the Orange Crush—a bottling company has control of that name—Collier has his unit stomping on people again.

Collier has been with the Broncos 16 years, under four head coaches, after stints with New England and Buffalo. The Seahawks' Catlin, however, has wandered the league along with Knox, moving from Los Angeles to Buffalo and now to Seattle, where he once again is performing defensive magic.

Catlin, if possible, is even more close-mouthed than Collier. A no-nonsense, blunt, squared-faced man, Catlin is deadly serious about his football. Don't expect him to joke or even smile, at

least not during the season.

Yet his Seattle defense plays with flamboyance. The Seahawks are more daring than the Broncos, especially in the secondary, where they regularly use seven backs on obvious passing plays, one more than Collier reluctantly employs. Seattle also doesn't want to bend as much as Denver, so it relies on blitzing and aggressiveness to try to reduce yardage yields. But both Collier and Catlin preach discipline and coordination; both abhor ad-libbing.

Both are advocates of the 3-4 defense. Collier was one of the first assistants to embrace the 3-4, following Bill Arnsparger's lead in Miami. Collier's Orange Crush had mobile linebackers and opportunistic defenders. It wasn't a very complex scheme; he didn't even believe in using five defensive backs in a nickel situation. But his game plans and his on-the-fly adjustments always amazed his players. They still do.

Catlin was a 4-3 coach with the Rams, but he embraced the 3-4 with Buffalo and has stayed with it, although not by choice. "It's no fun coaching defense anymore," said Catlin. "They've made it impossible for us to stop anyone. The 3-4 at least gives you some chance."

"We are more complex than we were in Los Angeles. You have to be, in order to adjust to all the receivers the offenses are using. We're making some progress catching up after the rule changes but we're still behind. All we can do is be solid and try to make people drive a long way to score. That's hard to do, and it's likely you'll get a turnover somewhere along the way."

Seattle had a 4-3 defense before Knox and Catlin arrived last year. The Seahawks' defense, which had obvious talent, reluctantly accepted both the new scheme and the new coordinator, who hardly is an informal, one-of-the-boys coach.

"Let's just say we questioned and explored every aspect of the defense, mostly its weaknesses," said safety Ken Easley. "Even though we didn't know much about it, we thought we did. We went to the playoffs only because of our offense and special teams. But Tom made his point. We realized it took discipline and coordination to make the defenses work. Now we have the greatest respect for him. He's the most brilliant defensive-minded coach I've worked with."

Catlin says that "having a year together has made a difference. We understand each other better, we've got better communication." The development of nose tackle Nash, who seemed a likely training camp cut, also has helped. Nash, a former free agent from Boston College, is the only NFL nose tackle to have led his team in tackles for most of the season.

With Nash shoring up the middle, ends Jacob Green (13 sacks) and Jeff Bryant (11½) have been able to generate a strong outside pass rush. That's freed more teammates for pass coverage, which has become a strength after the team gave up 33 scoring passes last year.

"We've become so aggressive," said veteran safety John Harris. "We talk turnovers all the time, starting with training camp. We believe if we play the defense right, we can create mistakes. Even in practice, we'll try to strip the ball away from our running backs. And the more turnovers we've made, the more our confidence has grown."

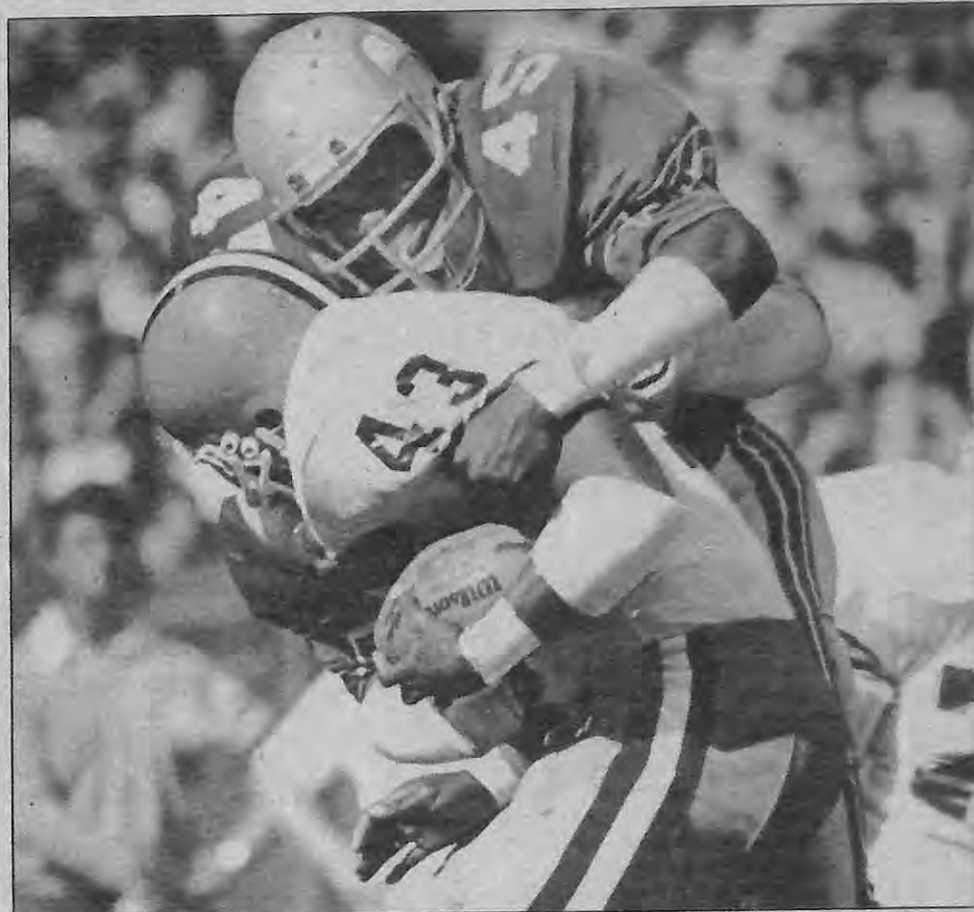
Easley, perhaps the NFL's best safety, and the ultra-quick Green are the stars of the Seattle defense, which relies more on quickness than size. But just as important to the unit's progress was the Seahawks' ability to replace defensive backs Kerry Justin and Gregory Johnson, both USFL defectors, with rookie Terry Taylor and ex-New York Giant Terry Jackson. In the process, they wound up with a stronger secondary.

"We have four good cornerbacks and that's crucial with today's rules," said Ralph Hawkins, Seattle's secondary coach. "When everyone is healthy, we'll use eight backs in passing situations and we'll do a lot of things with them. That's a lot of people for a quarterback to beat."

Once his players accepted his methods, Catlin expected the Seahawks' defense to play well this season. But the Broncos' defense, much like the rookie-laden team itself, has arrived earlier than Collier anticipated.

Linebackers remain the heart of the Denver unit, yet this year longtime star and Denver legend Randy Gradishar retired and talented Bob Swenson was out with a knee injury.

But after a lot of training-camp maneuvering, a revitalized veteran, Tom Jackson, has combined with Rick Dennison, a thrice-cut free agent who wasn't expected to survive the summer; Jim Ryan, a free agent from William & Mary; and Busick, a former seventh-round choice from USC who replaced Gradishar, to provide the Broncos with quality linebacking. And that, in turn, improved the entire unit.



Seahawks safety Ken Easley (45) is the heart and soul of a team that has learned to thrive on defensive opportunities.

"Who could anticipate our record, much less how the defense would play?" said Jackson, a onetime Pro bowl regular. "But Joe's done a great job of changing with the times. In 1977, we were more of a run-oriented defense. Now we play more man-to-man and we blitz more; it's a lot more complex."

Unlike Catlin, who substitutes frequently and uses all those defensive backs, Collier refuses to give in entirely. "I'm a stubborn die-hard," he said with a laugh. "We were the last to go to five backs in passing situations. We also don't do much (personnel) changing on first or second down. We don't want them to do much gambling, although we will blitz some. What we want is for everything to be coordinated."

Thanks to Collier, there is a tradition of defense in Denver. Jackson was around in 1977, as were end Barney Chavous, nose tackle Rubin Carter and defensive backs Foley and Wright. "We've always been a swarming defense," said Foley, who was a cornerback on the Orange Crush and now plays safety. "But we've been helped this year by the offense. It's a lot better than in 1977, so there isn't as much pressure on us."

The Orange Crush caused 39 turnovers in 14 games and allowed almost 270 yards a game. "Joe believed in hammering receivers all the way down the field," Jackson said. "We made it tough on people to maneuver against us. But both then and now, we were tough inside the 20. Once you get that close, you can do less stuff and we have an edge. We have Joe."

The Broncos can't hammer anymore, but they still hit hard enough to force those turnovers. "We are intense and aggressive, those are the keys," said defensive end Rulon Jones. "We have a fumble-recovery drill that we use all the time in practice, but the key is to be patient and play the defense right and get a lot of people around the ball."

The Broncos have no superstars on defense; indeed, 13 players have interceptions, 16 have sacks and 16 have recovered fumbles.

"What's helped us this year is that we have been very healthy and everyone has recognized what we want to do better," said Collier, who keeps files at home of all his old scouting reports and game plans. "Plus, this is the best field-position year we've ever had as a team, and that's because the offense has not been turning over the ball. I just feel if we can make an offense go a long distance every time with the ball and not give up the long play, they will turn the ball over eventually."

It seems as if the Broncos are motivated beyond their capabilities by Collier's intelligence, meticulous ways and impressive work ethic. "He works so hard that we work hard, too," said Foley. Jones remembers coming in one morning at 6:30 for an injury treatment; he found Collier already at work.

"I'll never forget the plane ride home in 1977 when we realized we had won the (AFC West) title," Jackson said. "Everyone was partying and hugging. But Joe was sitting in his seat, already working on his game plan for next week. You want a guy like that on your side."

The Seahawks feel the same way about Catlin. "A mastermind," said Harris. "What's so impressive about him is that the defensive staff can make changes while the game is going on. They don't even have to wait until halftime. He just seems to know what the offense is going to do. That's pretty impressive."

The Seahawks and Broncos meet again December 16 in Seattle, probably to decide the division title. But just watching Collier and Catlin matching wits and turnovers makes the matchup exciting. And who says defense is dead, anyway?



Tom Catlin (left) and Joe Collier have similar defensive philosophies.

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Running It Up

There are few instances in the NFL where teams have the opportunity, or desire, to run up the score on an opponent. Patriots Coach Raymond Berry faced such a situation several weeks ago against Buffalo. He didn't like what he had to do. But he did it anyway. (Column on page 13.)

Appropriate

"It's appropriate to win it here, after all the years the Vikings had a jinx on us," said Bears defensive tackle Jim Osborne after Chicago had clinched the NFC Central championship, its first title of any kind since 1963, by beating Minnesota, 34-3. (NFL roundup on pages 28, 29.)

Losers in Florida

Facing three years of probation for various NCAA rules infractions, Florida lost the opportunity to represent the Southeastern Conference in the Sugar Bowl when the SEC ruled the Gators ineligible. They could lose the conference title, too. (College Notebook on page 34.)

Bowled Over

Although November 24 was the official date for extending football bowl bids, the day passed with no less than five of the extravaganzas unsure as to their pairings. Baylor's stunning upset of Texas didn't help matters. (College roundup on page 35.)

Typical Tipoff

Top Ten teams Illinois, Indiana and Nevada-Las Vegas were upset and TSN's top-ranked team, DePaul, survived by the narrowest of margins. All in all, it was a typical opening week for college basketball. (Roundup on page 38.)

Silent Treatment

Usually outspoken Bobby Knight made a statement concerning improprieties in college basketball, without talking. He simply failed to show up for the Big Ten's media day in Chicago, a protest against what he says are illegal recruiting practices in the conference. (Column on page 39.)

Gnawing Away

Ken (The Rat) Linseman is not popular with opposing players or fans. Sometimes he's not even popular in the city where he plays. But he wears a championship ring, and that says something about him. (Column on page 42.)

Enough

The John Galbreath family has lost close to \$20 million since moving the Pirates into Three Rivers Stadium in 1970. Enough is enough, said Dan Galbreath. The Pittsburgh club is for sale. (Story on page 51.)

Dinosaur

Guaranteed contracts that contain no-trade clauses have placed baseball's annual winter meetings on the endangered species list. A week that once meant a flock of trades involving top talent has become a dinosaur. (Story on page 57.)

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Equality for Pitchers Is a BBWAA Issue

NEW YORK—Members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America will vote on a proposed major change during this month's meeting. It is aimed at eliminating a prejudice—not anything racial, but positional. The proposal concerns voting procedures for awards such as Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player. At present, certain BBWAA committee members won't vote a pitcher No. 1, and some won't vote at all for a pitcher. It is a shame that one such misguided vote among 24 cost the Mets' Dwight Gooden unanimous selection as National League Rookie of the Year.

My old dissenting buddy, Dave Nightingale, a national corre-

spondent of THE SPORTING NEWS, believes that a man who plays every day is more worthy of such awards than a pitcher. He made Juan Samuel of the Phillies his No. 1 choice for Rookie of the Year and Gooden No. 2. Nightingale certainly is entitled to his values, but in this case the voting instructions on each ballot clearly state: "All players are eligible. This includes pitchers, starters and relievers." Eligibility should mean equality. That is the very essence of democracy.

One American League MVP voter this year did not name relievers Willie Hernandez and Dan Quisenberry on his entire ballot, one through 10. The BBWAA will ask that any of its

members who consider pitchers to be second-class citizens disqualify themselves from the voting, and serve on some other committee, such as voting for the Cy Young Award, exclusively for pitchers.

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Sentencing Mark Gastineau to public service of six hours a week for 15 weeks at Rikers Island Prison could have been worse. The judge could have made him serve it in Studio 54, the disco where he popped a bartender, according to the jury. . . . Don't wear that fancy fur of yours to Rikers, Mark. They'll rip it off in 20 minutes. . . . Guess who will address some 60 officers

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YOUNG IDEAS



By
DICK YOUNG

Civil War his primary interest. He'll fly up from St. Petersburg at his own expense.

One word from me and Larry Holmes goes right on fighting. He has signed with Don King to meet David Bey in late February or early March. "Vegas or New York," said King, who would like to become part of the Big Apple boxing renaissance if there were some way of beating the TV blackout dilemma. No network is going to black out the No. 1 market in America, but if you black out 200 miles of sand, who cares? . . . Bey is the pudgy who outguttled Greg Page for the weightwatchers' title in August. If Bey fights the way he did in that one, and Holmes fights the way he did vs. Bonecrusher Smith the other day, Larry's great 46-0 record will be kaput.

Muhammad Ali says he's fine when he takes his medication three times a day, but sometimes he forgets. Wouldn't you think that someone in that large entourage wouldn't let him forget? . . . Gerry Faust did a late-season job of turning things around at Notre Dame and could have saved his job by it. But that is short-range stuff. The best long-range solution for the Fighting Irish would be this: Name Faust the athletic director, because he is a superior recruiter. Then let Faust select the coach, taking that out of the hands of Father Joyce, who runs a fine academic institution of higher learning, but is not so good at picking head football coaches.

Rick Sutcliffe is just going through the motions of screening free-agency offers. He wants to return to the Cubs. That's what his friends say. They say he feels an obligation to the Chicago fans for having lost the final playoff game that deprived them of a World Series. Irony of ironies: If Rick had won that game, he'd have walked to the highest bidder with a clear mind.

I open envelopes with the Raiders' logo, expecting a press release telling me of Marcus Allen's exploits, or Lyle Alzado's. Out fall the latest Supreme Court decisions. Who's doing their publicity, Irv Kaze or Joe Alioto? . . . I know Rusty Staub is good at what he does, but what he does is not enough for the Mets to pay him \$300,000 or whatever. He's a pure pinch-hitter. In the N.L., that makes him one-fourth of a DH. . . . A couple of coffee-table books just arrived: "The Heisman," by John T. Brady, and "The Pictorial History of Wrestling," by Bert Sugar. The book on the Heisman Trophy has prettier pictures, but the gals who prefer male cheesecake should go for the wrestling tome.



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The Home Field Advantage

I do not dispute Mel Durslag's idea that anchoring the World Series might result in increased financial rewards and increased ease in planning. However, I am concerned with the impact of the field on the play of the game.

Football's gridiron is universal and unchanging. The elements may affect play but not the width of the field, placement of the goalposts, depth of the end zone, etc. This is not the case in baseball. Even the regulations dealing with ball parks built after 1958 deal in minimums, not exact dimensions.

To borrow from Bill James' "Baseball Abstract," Fenway Park increases offensive production 13 percent, Baltimore's Memorial Stadium decreases it by 10 percent, the Astrodome shows a minus 17 percent and Wrigley Field a plus 22 percent.

Constructing a team that takes a home field into consideration is a basic concept for successful teams. To have a team win a pennant based on strengths and weaknesses—in part a function of its home park—and then play the Series on "neutral ground" is unfair. And, frankly, it's less interesting to watch.

Unless Mr. Durslag thinks watching the Cubs vs. the Red Sox in the Astrodome is good for baseball.

STEVE KEPHER

Napa, Calif.

Purity in College Athletics

Recently, NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers agreed with Notre Dame's Digger Phelps that some colleges paid basketball players \$10,000 and football players \$20,000 a year. Then you read about the NCAA Council seeking to postpone the requirements for high school students to reach a minimum score on college entrance tests to qualify for an athletic scholarship. It seems inconsistent.

High school kids who can carry a football but who cannot read get into college, basketball players who can shoot the eyes out of the hoop but who cannot do basic math are admitted.

If the NCAA is really interested in education and amateurism, it should not only punish the schools caught cheating but also the coaches and teachers who, in the final analysis, cheat most of the students they are supposed to be teaching.

LARRY HAILEY

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Some More Award Winners

The American League Most Valuable Player award is a bad joke. Cal Ripken plays more innings in 16 games than Willie Hernandez played during the entire season. How could the voters ignore such day-in, day-out players as Don Mattingly and Eddie Murray just because they were not fortunate enough to play for a pennant winner?

Going by the writers' standards, here are some other awards:

Milt May as Comeback Player of the Year for his return to the Pittsburgh Pirates, John Candelaria for MVP for converting all of his save opportunities, Yogi Berra as Manager of the Year for making it through the entire season with George Steinbrenner and, finally, the Cy Young Award to the best thrower in sports—Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins.

These awards make just as much sense as naming Willie Hernandez MVP for 140 1/3 innings of work.

TINK GUTHRIE

Bardstown, Ky.

Does Baseball Need Expansion?

Why is there such a hue and cry to expand major league baseball into cities like Denver, New Orleans and Phoenix when the American League is already subsidizing minor league franchises in Seattle, Texas and Cleveland?

Where will the talent come from, or will teams and players become "major league" simply by designation?

With baseball attendance on the rise each year as NFL attendance and TV ratings decline, why are media people and baseball execs so bent on turning major league baseball into the NFL?

I wish the Leonard Koppetts and Melvin Durslags would butt out and leave well enough alone.

LARRY A. NEEL

Baker, Nev.

Unhappy Wolverines Fan

I am a graduate of the University of Michigan and am upset because Michigan football has become a laughingstock.

Bo Schembechler's brand of football simply has turned off the best players in the nation. He cannot recruit well anymore. Even Gerry Faust and Earle Bruce—two coaches who can always think up new and creative ways to lose in spite of having superior talent—outrecruit Bo. Bo's caveman approach to the game makes him an easy target for opposing coaches. What bright, quick-thinking, outgoing blue-chip quarterback prospect would want to be imprisoned by Bo's Prussian type of football mind?

In Michigan's loss to Ohio State, the Michigan players did not roll over and play dead when they fell behind. But why should they have? They were already dead when they were recruited.

BOB BARBATO

Austin, Tex.

Doug Flutie and Some Others

Granted that Doug Flutie is a great athlete and deserves a lot of credit, but since when does THE SPORTING NEWS campaign for somebody for the Heisman Trophy?

If Mr. Paul Attner is willing to wager as to who will be more successful in professional football, Flutie or Ohio State's Keith Byars, let me know.

JERRY ALBRIGHT

Elyria, O.

Before TSN awards the Heisman Trophy to Doug Flutie, someone should point out that Flutie is not the best college quarterback. Robbie Bosco of Brigham Young equals or exceeds Flutie in every statistic. He has been responsible for more touchdowns than Flutie, his team has averaged a higher score per game than Flutie's and Brigham Young has won more games than Boston College.

The Heisman goes to the best player, not to "the most refreshing story."

HENRY W. WOODBURY

Provo, Utah

The article on Flutie contained incorrect information on who won the MVP honors at the 1982 Tangerine Bowl. For the record, Auburn's quarterback, Randy Campbell, was the MVP, based on a 10-for-16 night, 177 yards and perfect execution of the wishbone.

Flutie deserves the Heisman, but where credit is rightfully due, let it so be printed.

J.R. COOPER

Birmingham, Ala.

I was amused by National Correspondent Paul Attner's comment in his article on Doug Flutie where he states, "No matter what Flutie does in the future, his legend is firmly established in Boston. . . . This is a pro sports town. . . . There never has been room for a college football hero, not until Flutie."

If Mr. Attner had bothered to research Boston sports history, he would have discovered Harry Agganis, who became as big a legend as Doug Flutie while still at Lynn Classical High School, continued his athletic feats at Boston University, played for the Boston Red Sox and died suddenly and tragically at the height of his Red Sox career.

This is not an attempt to criticize Doug Flutie, but rather to restore proper credit where it is due.

JOHN S. HENDRY

Boxborough, Mass.

While it may be that Keith Byars is the only challenger to Doug Flutie in the Heisman race, it certainly isn't because he's the best back in the country. Kenneth Davis of Texas Christian averages 2.5 more yards per carry than Byars. Byars' yardage total can be attributed primarily to his number of carries per game, 29. At 29 carries per game, Davis would have outrushed Byars by 500 yards. Davis may not be considered for the Heisman, but it's not because he doesn't have the best stats in the country.

If the letters TCU were changed to USC . . . well, need I say more?

MARK S. PFEIFFER

Austin, Tex.

Birds of a Different Feather

Your recent editorial, "A Worldwide Dragnet," has considerable merit. However, you did a terrible disservice to Uwe Blab and Bobby Knight (who gets enough bad press) in using guilt by association. Uwe Blab was a scholar first, by qualifying for a high school exchange program. Bobby Knight only had to venture approximately 50 miles outside of Indiana to recruit him. I see a big difference in going "world wide" to recruit an athlete who speaks little English and a student seeking an education in the U.S. who also happens to be a good athlete.

RICH DEVINE

Dolton, Ill.

The Next Dr. J?

Your October 29 issue with its cover article on Michael Jordan made me wonder if TSN was carried away in its praise for this admittedly fine player. Last year TSN named Jordan the "College Player of the Year" when such players as Akeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing were clearly more dominant forces on their teams. Now, even before Jordan's first pro game, TSN heralds him as "The Next Dr. J" without even adding a question mark.

I wonder if TSN is not exaggerating Jordan's abilities before he has a chance to demonstrate them in the NBA.

STEVEN K. BROWN

Youngstown, O.

Correction

In the November 12 issue, Stan Isle stated that Lloyd Moseby of the Toronto Blue Jays was the only American League player to reach double figures in doubles, triples, homers and stolen bases.

I should like to point out that Kirk Gibson of the Detroit Tigers had 23 doubles, 10 triples, 27 homers and 29 stolen bases.

TOM LAURIN

Owosso, Mich.

Dennis Baker of Romeo, Mich., also called our attention to Gibson's numbers.

In Memoriam

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Justice, NBA Style

Talking a good game is a far cry from playing one, as the National Basketball Association has proved in the wrist-slap penalties pinned on Boston's Larry Bird and Philadelphia's Julius Erving. Bird and Erving were guilty of the violence which the NBA claims to abhor. But neither participant was suspended so much as one minute, and both make so much money that their \$7,500 fines are a joke.

Barely a month before the November 9 brawl between the 76ers and the Celtics in Boston, the NBA issued a warning to all players. "Violent conduct will not be tolerated," the players were informed.

Last season, in fact, Lonnie Shelton of Cleveland and Buck Williams of the New York Nets were suspended for fighting, Shelton for two games, Williams for one. Two years ago, Atlanta's Tree Rollins wound up with a two-game ban for biting the finger of Boston's Danny Ainge.

Those cases seemed to indicate the NBA was serious about curbing violence. But when two of the NBA's brightest stars are guilty of brawling, the NBA withholds suspension. Instead, meaningless fines were slapped on Bird, Erving and just about every other player in sight, plus Sixers Coach Billy Cunningham, for a grand total of \$30,500.

If both Bird and Erving had been assessed that much, the effect on their bankrolls would have remained negligible. Anyhow, the chances of a club failing to pay a player's fine for him also are just about nil. Press reports noted that the Bird and Erving penalties were the second highest ever levied by the NBA. All that means is that NBA fines have failed to keep pace with an inflated NBA salary structure.

In short, the NBA's get-tough policy applies only if the chief culprits are not superstars. The Bird-Erving violence easily could have resulted in serious injury, and a free-for-all was a distinct possibility. If ever suspensions were warranted, this was the time. But the NBA treads ever so lightly to avoid public-relations problems with big names. Discipline a superstar? Not if it entails withholding him from the customers' view.

The decision in this case fingered Bird as the aggressor. This did not mean that an enraged Erving was justified in swinging at Bird while Moses Malone held the Boston bad boy in a headlock. Both Bird and Erving, and possibly Malone, should have been suspended.

When the Sixers-Celtics brawl erupted, only one official was on the floor because the other had left with an injury. "A second official probably could have stopped it," Erving commented. "Larry and I were yelling at each other for 10 or 12 seconds before the whole thing blew up. A second official could have stepped between us."

The NBA experimented with three officials a few years ago, but dropped the idea. Now would be a good time to revive it.



Larry Bird

KEEPING SCORE

Traces of Napalm

Nothin' could be finer than to be in Carolina sniffing napalm in the morning. That was the situation when the University of North Carolina women's soccer team won its fourth consecutive national championship November 18 with a 2-0 victory over Connecticut.

Throughout their 24-0-1 season, the Lady Tar Heels had motivated themselves with a "word of the week" or a catch phrase. A week or so before the NCAA soccer finals in Chapel Hill, N.C., a couple of North Carolina players had seen the anti-war movie "Apocalypse Now," and they picked up on an expression used by actor Robert Duvall.

In the film, depicting events in the Vietnam war, Duvall played Col. Kilgore, a bloodthirsty American military commander. There is a scene in which Col. Kilgore, walking along a beach, looks into the sky and hails American aircraft returning from a firebombing mission over Southeast Asia. "I love the smell of napalm in the morning," declares Col. Kilgore.

The Tar Heels went to war in the soccer finals with the battle cry: "We love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Before UNC's semifinal game with California, the bulletin board in the UNC soccer hut carried the cryptic message: "Faint traces of napalm in the air." The Tar Heels beat Cal, 2-1 in double overtime, and the following morning, before the championship game, the bulletin board said: "Deja vu smell of the previous morning."

During the championship game, fans chanted "Napalm, napalm, napalm" and a banner was unfolded that said: "UNC women love the smell of napalm in the afternoon." April Heinrichs and Joan Dunlap scored the goals and Beth Huber recorded the shutout against Connecticut. The next day, the Daily Tar Heel, the campus newspaper, headlined its soccer story: "There Was Napalm in the Air for Soccer Champs."

The "word of the week" concept was originated by Coach Anson Dorrance. He said the expression about napalm was merely a motto for the NCAA tournament. "At first, it was a team joke," he told freelance writer Jim Furlong of Durham, N.C., "and then it became a team battle cry."

Heinrichs, a 20-year-old sophomore striker from Littleton, Colo., who scored 23 goals this season, explained the meaning of the motto.

"We're as intense as any bombing," she told Furlong. "When we step on the field, the other team is going to expect a bomb. When UNC hits the field, it is a bomb. We're going to crush that team. We're going to win every ball. We're going to knock those players off the field. We're going to intimidate them until they want to leave the field. And that is our bomb. After we win, that's the smell of napalm."

The irony of the situation was that most of the UNC players are too young to realize the impact of the napalm bombing in Vietnam. Their enthusiasm over the use of napalm in a battle cry was greeted by protests from persons who remembered horror stories from Vietnam.

In a letter to the editor, which the Daily Tar Heel headlined "Tasteless Joke Turns Pride Into Disgust," a Chapel Hill woman said she was horrified that the team would lightly toss around talk about napalm, a word with such emotional impact.

The Tar Heels said it was all done in innocence. Coach Dorrance said a big issue among the players was how to spell napalm. Added senior center forward Amy Machin, "I'll bet people on the team didn't know what it meant. That's how innocent it was." In response to criticism about the battle cry, she said, "We're not equating a soccer game to brutish tactics to win a war."

Athletic Director John Swofford said of the napalm controversy, "First of all, I think if there is reaction, it is overreaction. I think they are just trying to say they are intensely trying to win soccer games, and that's all. I would prefer they express themselves in a healthier way."

In its 25 games this year, UNC outscored opponents, 120 goals to six, and posted 19 shutouts. The only blemish on the record was a 1-1 tie with George Mason. Eight seniors on the



By BOB MCCOY,
Executive News Editor



team shared in their fourth national championship. North Carolina won the last Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women title in 1981 and has won all three years of the NCAA women's tournament.

Dorrance tried to clear the air on the napalm issue, saying, "I don't want to hurt any Vietnam veterans. It's not to do with anything but to get us excited. And it really got us excited. The appropriate analogy might be that we could feel something in the wind, something in the air."

Insensitive or not, the final "word of the week" was more notable than its predecessor. That one was: "The ball is golden. Treat the ball like gold."

The All-Important Statistics

Emilio Caballero, football coach at Loyola High School in Miami, was ordered to resign or be fired even though his team won a Class A district championship. According to school officials, Caballero provided his players with sparkling wine (Andre Cold Duck) to celebrate the district title, although Caballero said the beverage was non-alcoholic.

The night following the title clinching, Caballero and two of his assistant coaches were arrested after they allegedly climbed a barbed-wire fence and entered the school by taking a door off its hinges.

Caballero explained that he was just getting the team statistics so he could call them in for the newspaper. Police did not buy that story and charged the trio with burglary.

"I thought I was a suspect for coach of the year," said Caballero. "Now, I'm a suspect for vandalism."

They're Still Pals

That brawl involving Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics and Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers will have no effect on a series of TV commercials depicting them as bosom buddies.

Since last year, Converse has been running ads for its athletic shoes showing Bird and Dr. J chumming around in the locker room, cracking jokes and locking arms.

"We have no plans to change. In fact, we have a new one planned for next spring," said Gib Ford, vice-president of sales and marketing for Converse. "We're convinced that this (the fight) will pass and the two will be very professional and continue to do what they're supposed to do, and that's play basketball."

Never Too Old

"The older you get, the more you should exercise to avoid the aging process," said fitness enthusiast Jack LaLanne, and with those remarks he dived into the harbor at Long Beach, Calif., to match his 70 years against a flotilla of 70 boats.

LaLanne, though swimming with his legs shackled, towed the boats for one mile, past the anchored Queen Mary, in the November 20 stunt that was aimed at promoting physical fitness. Back in 1976, he had towed 13 boats with a total of 76 persons aboard to mark the nation's bicentennial.

LaLanne said that age should not be a barrier to feats of athletic prowess. "The only way you can hurt your body is if you sit on your rear end and do nothing," he said.

YOUR QUESTION, PLEASE



By JOHN DUXBURY

Q. Which Dallas Cowboys defensive players were first-round choices in the National Football League draft? ... John Ditto, Lovelady, Tex.

A. Defensive end Ed Jones (Dallas, 1974), defensive tackle John Dutton (Baltimore, 1974), defensive tackle Randy White (Dallas, 1975) and defensive end Jim Jeffcoat (Dallas, 1983).

Q. Could you please list the players who have hit 400 or more home runs in the majors? ... Michael E. Donley, Lancaster, Pa.

A. Hank Aaron 755, Babe Ruth 714, Willie Mays 660, Frank Robinson 586, Harmon Killebrew 573, Mickey Mantle 536, Jimmie Foxx 534, Ted Williams 521, Willie McCovey 521, Eddie Mathews 512, Ernie Banks 512, Mel Ott 511, Reggie Jackson 503, Lou Gehrig 493, Stan Musial 475, Willie Stargell 475, Carl Yastrzemski 452, Billy Williams 426, Mike Schmidt 425 and Duke Snider 407.

Q. Who had the better scoring average and rebounding average in the National Basketball Association last season, Larry Bird of Boston or Terry Cummings of San Diego? ... Johnny Butler, Hillsboro, Ill.

A. Bird averaged 10.1 rebounds and 24.2 points a game in 79 games and Cummings averaged 9.6 rebounds and 22.9 points in 81 games.

Q. What were the scores of the Nebraska-Kansas football games when Gale Sayers was at Kansas and what were Sayers' statistics? ... Jeff Batt, Austin, Tex.

A. 1962: Nebraska 40, Kansas 16; Sayers had 15 rushes for 107 yards. 1963: Nebraska 23, Kansas 9; Sayers had 11 rushes for 144 yards, including a 99-yard touchdown run. 1964: Nebraska 14, Kansas 7; Sayers had 11 rushes for 27 yards.

Q. What were the results of the boxing matches between Italian and United States fighters in the 1984 Olympic Games? ... Arty Pemberton, Salinas, Calif.

A. The U.S. fighters won all five matches. Light Flyweight: Paul Gonzales won by forfeit over Salvatore Todisco in the championship match (Todisco had suffered a broken thumb).

Welterweight: Mark Breland defeated Bruno Luciano, 5-0, in a semifinal match.

Light Middleweight: Frank Tate defeated Romolo Casamonica, 5-0, in a third-round match.

Heavyweight: Henry Tillman defeated Angelo Musone, 5-0, in a semifinal match.

Super Heavyweight: Tyrell Biggs defeated Francesco Damiani, 4-1, in the championship match.

Q. Who were the starters for the Portland team which won the National Basketball Association championship? ... Jeffrey Edwards, Marion, Ind.

A. Forwards Maurice Lucas and Bob Gross, center Bill Walton and guards Lionel Hollins and Johnny Davis started all six games for Portland in the 1977 NBA Championship series in which the Trail Blazers defeated the Philadelphia 76ers, four games to two.

Q. When Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals had a 1.12 earned-run average in 1968, what were the scores of the nine games he lost and what teams beat him? ... Bob Sontag, St. Louis.

A. Chicago, 5-1, April 20; Houston, 3-2, May 12; Philadelphia, 1-0, May 17; Los Angeles, 2-0, May 22; San Francisco, 3-1, May 28; Pittsburgh, 6-4, August 24; San Francisco, 3-2, September 6 (first game); San Francisco, 1-0, September 17, and Los Angeles, 3-2, September 22.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Bronko Nagurski was the first player to throw a touchdown pass for the Chicago Bears in an NFL championship game. He threw an eight-yard TD pass to Bill Karr in the Bears' 23-21 victory over the New York Giants in 1933.

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Who led the Boston Celtics in scoring in their first season (1946-47)?

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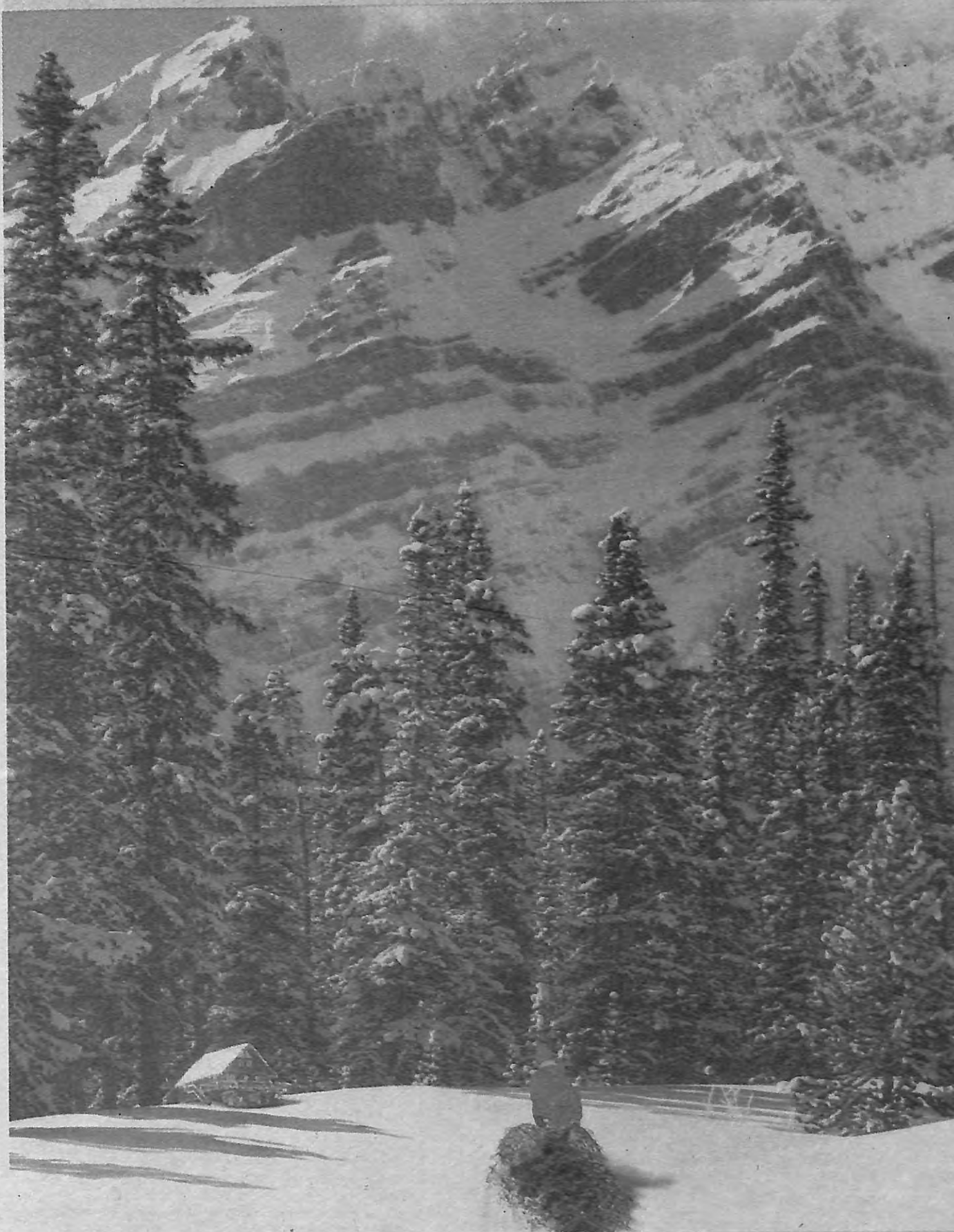
INSIDERS SAY

FRANK LAYDEN, coach of the Utah Jazz, chiding Portland fans over the Trail Blazers' choice of Sam Bowie in the NBA draft instead of Michael Jordan, high-flying rookie star of the Chicago Bulls: "I know why you (Portland) didn't draft Jordan—your building's not big enough."

CEDRIC MAXWELL, Boston Celtics forward and former North Carolina-Charlotte star, on why he could vote for Jesse Helms in the North Carolina race for the Senate when most blacks voted against the arch-conservative: "Most of the brothers don't make the kind of scratch I do."

BARRY SWITZER, Oklahoma football coach, after the Sooners made two goal-line stands in the second half in their 17-7 victory over Nebraska, then ranked No. 1 in the nation: "You saw something you don't see maybe once in a lifetime twice."

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So far, we've auditioned Auburn, Miami, Nebraska, Texas, Washington, Nebraska (second reading) and—don't laugh, we're serious about this—Brigham Young. Just about every school but Notre Dame—remember when the Irish used to play football?—has had a chance to miff this thing.

And now, after visiting the Gulf Coast, the Plains states, the great Northwest and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, it surely is time to turn our compass in a new direction. Speak up, please. Is there anybody we've overlooked?

What's going on here, anyway? Is there a parity epidemic? Has college football contracted our most dreaded ailment? Eeegads, it's Pete Rozelle's Disease!

At times like this, a guy grows wistful, yearning for those powerhouses of yesteryear. It was so comforting back then to know that if Oklahoma was the No. 1 team, it would knock your alma mater on its ear.

Give me a national champ that makes mush of its schedule. Give me a coach who grins and runs up the score. Give me those numbers like 63-7 and 72-3. That's when men were men and routs were routs and football was war. I like to think of it as the John Wayne era.

Game plans are written in forgettable ink these days. Goliath calls a medic for a stubbed toe. College football teams must train on quiche nowadays. Pass the fruit salad, will you please, Bobby Joe?

Southern Cal used to run the tailback pitch up and down Route 66 from Los Angeles to South Bend. Now, it can't run past UCLA, which was thoroughly husked by Nebraska, which somehow lost to Syracuse. And Syracuse lost to Rutgers. Please, Gipper, say it ain't so.

**TOM
BARNIDGE**

Managing Editor



Who's No. 1?
Who knows?
Who cares?

Could any of these teams tell a huddle from a helmet? Have the Russians infiltrated our colleges? Has somebody misplaced all of our offensive formations? Have we depleted our supply of Xs and Os?

We can sort this mess out from now to till April Fool's Day, and we may never find a No. 1 team. Let's call it a tie. Everybody's No. 2. All you need is a mascot and a fight song to be nominated.

The college season has been a case study in confusion since the referee's first official tweet. Pittsburgh, an expected power, spent the year practicing swan dives. Tradition-rich Alabama has looked like the Crimson Tired. Kansas, a sunflower, beat Oklahoma. Texas Christian, a horned frog, pillaged the Southwest.

If you were looking for sanity, you came to the wrong place. Take the Southeastern Conference, for instance.

Please.
The SEC found out some time ago that Florida had broken some rules. The NCAA, giddy at its discovery, made the announcement.

What did the SEC braintrust do?
Nothing. Naturally.

No, the SEC let Florida play out its schedule. It let the Gators believe they might land in the Sugar Bowl. Then, when it turned out that Florida was about to do just that, the SEC decided to make a ruling.

Florida can't go.

That's because it broke some rules. But Florida might still be regarded as the conference champ. Broken rules apparently don't apply to conference titles. One of these days, the SEC will issue a ruling on that.

No rush, fellas. Take a coffee break.

In the meantime, those Gator fans who have invested their emotions and who have screamed themselves raspy and lived and died with each fumbled snap can cancel their flight plans and scratch their heads and tune in to watch—guess who?—Auburn in New Orleans.

That'd be nice. Florida beat Auburn, 24-3.

Well, it makes just as much sense in this season as anything else has.

ASK THE REFEREE



By HAL LEBOVITZ

Q. This play occurred in a high school football game in which I recently participated. Our team, the Indians, kicked off to the T-Birds. A member of the T-Birds wanted to gather players around him to set up a wedge. Therefore he raised, not waved, his hand to attempt this. The ball went over his head to the back behind the wedge. The officials whistled the play dead. After a long conference, they ruled that the ball had to be re-kicked, with a five-yard penalty on the T-Birds. Was this the right call? ... Craig Peck, St. James, N.Y.

A. Yes. The T-Birds were guilty of an illegal fair-catch signal. Since this occurred during a loose-ball situation, the penalty is marked off from the previous spot—the spot of the kickoff. The penalty doesn't seem quite sufficient, but the book says it is.

Q. This play took place in a high-school football game. From our own four-yard line, the quarterback faded back to pass. By the time he got rid of the ball, he was near the back of the end zone. His pass traveled a whole two feet and was intercepted by an enemy lineman. The surprised tackle had to do no more than stand there and get credit for a touchdown. My question: What return, if any, is the interceptor credited with accomplishing? One official said the youngster gets a four-yard interception while another told me that no yardage or return is chalked up. I'm a part-time writer who, like you, is compulsive when it comes to accuracy. ... Darrell Holmquist, Manhattan, Ill.

A. The happy defensive tackle gets credit for zero yards. Just the interception and touchdown, which should be enough to please him. Wish I were as compulsively accurate as you. But thanks for the compliment.

Q. It is fourth and 10. Team A has the ball on Team B's 40. The quarterback, who is also the kicker for Team A, runs a bootleg to Team B's 35, where he is about to be tackled. He (1) punts, or (2) dropkicks the ball. The ball goes out of the end zone. Is the ball placed on the 20-yard line for a touchback or on the 35 for a missed field goal? What if there is no way to tell whether he was punting or attempting a field goal? ... Dan Stevenson, Bakersfield, Calif.

A. You're talking about pro football, of course. On the punt, Team B gets the ball on the 20, for this is a touchback. But when a dropkick is attempted, it is a try for a field goal. That's how you tell—by the fact that it was a dropkick. But the ball doesn't go to Team B at the spot of the kick, the 35. Team B gets it at the 40, the line of scrimmage. So the five yards gained on the bootleg were wasted. Though you'll probably never see a dropkick again, you came up with a tricky one.

Q. Let's say it's the 1985 Super Bowl, Miami vs. Chicago, one second left of regulation time. Miami's kicker has been hurt and the Dolphins have to make a 50-yard field goal to win, so they put in their punter, Reggie Roby, and he dropkicks it through the uprights. Does the kick count? ... Matt Krambeer, Farmersburg, Ia.

A. Yes, the dropkick would be worth three points and a Super Bowl victory. You'll never see that, either.

Q. This happened in an American Softball Association game. The batter swung and the batted ball bounced on the plate. The ball was still in the air, without hitting the ground, except the plate. The ball was about to go foul, but before it did, it was touched by the catcher. The catcher's feet were in foul territory but she touched the ball fair in mid-flight. Is it fair or foul? ... Steve Eversoll, Clinton, Ia.

A. Fair ball. The position of the ball when touched is the determining factor. Where the player is standing is of no consequence. The catcher was alert. I hope she threw the runner out.

Q. When a fielder drops a foul ball for an error and the batter subsequently gets a hit, how is the play scored? Is the batter 0-for-1 in plate appearances, 1-for-1 or 1-for-2? ... Steven Fuchs, Montgomery, Ill.

A. He's 1-for-1. The dropped foul, although an error on the fielder, was all part of the same at-bat.

Please direct your questions to "Ask the Referee," c/o Hal Lebovitz, P.O. Box 18891, Cleveland Hts., O., 44118. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included; otherwise, your letter will not be answered.

Is NFL Shaky?

Merger Is Inevitable, Says USFL's Taube

SAN FRANCISCO—Assuming the team were for sale, would you buy the San Francisco 49ers at the going rate, perhaps \$70 million?

The man who owns the Oakland Invaders, the team from the other league, insists he would not.

Tad Taube views the NFL as an organization on the road to, if not ruin, then financial chaos. Even in the back of a black limousine, that route is most unpleasant.

The United States Football League has a "pay me now or pay me later" attitude toward the NFL, suggesting that through some method at some time, the NFL may be compelled to shell out or sell out.

USFL executives would have us believe they are going to be refinanced by the NFL—unintentionally, of course.

Taube's team, the Invaders, will merge with the Michigan Panthers for the 1985 USFL season, coming in March at a playing field near you.

After that, Taube sees the USFL merging with the NFL. That is if the USFL doesn't merge with bankruptcy.

"The NFL is facing a lot of trouble," said Taube. The USFL, he concedes, is not exactly without problems of its own. Remember when football involved blocking and tackling? Now, it has to be concerned with holdouts, lawsuits and declining television ratings.

A chart prepared by Taube depicts the average NFL team earning \$7 million in 1983, but only \$2 million in 1986.

This is a gridiron equivalent of the Olympic men's downhill, which might be acceptable if the owners were on a pair of Rossignol skis. Instead, they may be on thin ice.

"Eddie DeBartolo will lose \$6 million this year," said Taube, referring to the man who currently owns the 49ers. "Soon it's going to be that way throughout the league. Player salaries are going up, franchise values are going down."

The USFL has filed a \$1.5 billion antitrust suit against the

NFL, based on the claims the NFL is trying to run the USFL out of business.

That the USFL may go out of business of its own accord without any outside assistance is not a consideration in the proceedings.

"The suit is for approximately \$40 million against each NFL team," said Taube. "The NFL can't afford to lose it. They'd be better off to allow USFL teams in and give them some of the TV money than lose \$40 million a team."

"This whole thing spells merger."

The fervent hope of the USFL is that NFL executives accept the sporting cliché: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. More properly, allow them to join us. Sacrifice some of the TV revenue to avoid laying the neck of pro football on the chopping block.

"What is the biggest economic benefit of buying a sports franchise?" Taube asked rhetorically. "It is the increased value of the team. DeBartolo bought the 49ers at \$12 million, but they're now worth \$70 million. But if nobody wants to buy them, they're not worth anything."

"The reason why NFL franchises were a very great deal is that player contracts were relatively stable while the commissioner, Pete Rozelle, negotiated sweet TV contracts."

"Now, because of our league, for better or worse, and NFL stupidity, player payrolls will go from \$5 million in 1981 to \$15 million in 1986. The 49ers' payroll already is above \$15 million."

"And TV contracts are going to have to be renegotiated for 1987 after declining ratings. By then, half the teams in the NFL are going to be in financial trouble."

That figure compares favorably to the USFL where, one surmises, right now all the teams are in financial trouble.

Taube was asked if the USFL, which is wobbling toward season No. 3, will survive until 1986, when it is scheduled to switch to the fall.

"I wouldn't stake my life on it," he responded.

Buoyed by such confidence, Taube recently investigated the possible purchase of the San Francisco Giants, a baseball team that lately has lost a mere \$3 to \$4 million per annum.

"I was approached by an out-of-town individual who has a lot of money, but wanted me to join him to provide local ownership," said Taube. "But I decided against it. It isn't financially sound. I don't see a new stadium as ever being built."

Whatever they're selling, Tad Taube's not buying.

**ART
SPANDER**



On NYC Subway, DH Has No Chance

ST. LOUIS—Commissioner Peter Ueberroth, who has indicated baseball will undertake a survey of fans on the designated hitter question, received an informal sounding from a baseball fan on the New York City subway.

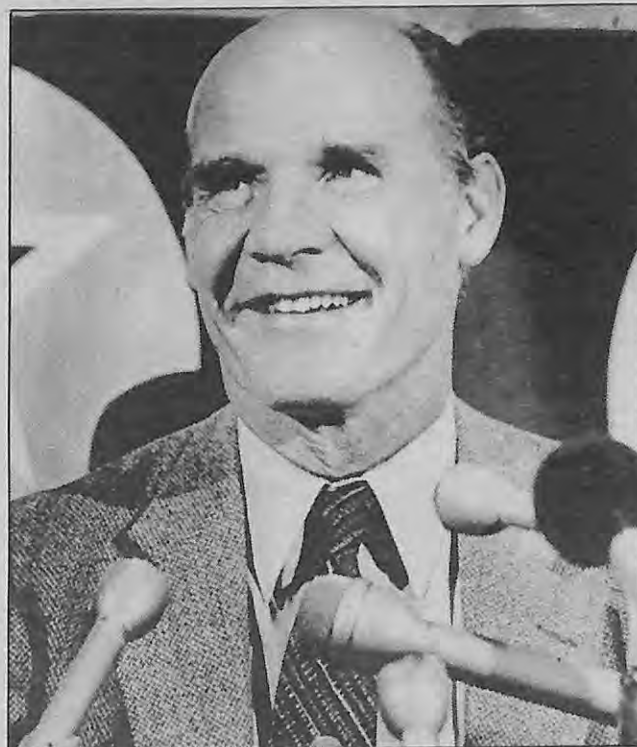
STAN ISLE



Senior Editor

Riding downtown on the Lexington Avenue express, a fellow passenger recognized Ueberroth. "Hey, Commissioner," the fan shouted. "Kill the DH!" Ueberroth responded with a friendly wave. . . . Kansas City Chiefs Owner Lamar Hunt was delighted to learn that Tex Schramm, president of the Dallas Cowboys, was disturbed when he found that the original American Football League teams were wearing uniform patches commemorating the 25th anniversary of the old league. "It's gratifying," said Hunt, "to know that the AFL still grates on Tex's nerves." . . . Only 10 of the 56 players in baseball's free-agent draft are under 30 years of age and 13 of them are 35 or older. The youngest is Cubs lefthander Steve Trout, 27. In 1983, only four of the 45 free-agent draftees were younger than 30. . . . Gene Murphy, head coach at California State-Fullerton, was stumped when he was asked to name the best college running back in the nation. "I just don't know," said Murphy. "Coaches don't get to see too many games other than their own, or those of their opponents, except maybe on trips or late at night on cable. If ESPN had been around 18 years ago, I wouldn't have any children."

ONE FOR THE BOOK: Tom Landry associates were not surprised when the veteran coach of the Dallas Cowboys, announcing the choice of Gary Hogeboom as his starting quarterback, called him Gary "Hogenbloom." Landry has considerable trouble with names, as Ken Sins notes in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Landry, according to Sins, refers to cornerback Ron Fellers as Ron "Fellers" and linebacker Danny Spradlin as Danny "Spracklin." Former Dallas tackle Andy Frederick was called Andy "Frederickson" or even Andy "Anderson." Hogeboom, on occasion, has been called "Hogenboon" and "Higginbotham." However, defensive lineman Don Smerek seems to present the most problems. "Let's see, last year I was 'Smirk,' 'Ron Smurf' and 'Smirnoff,'" Smerek recalled. "Now it's down to 'Smirk.' I guess that's as close as it will come." . . . Dodgers Owner Peter O'Malley, who sent his entire organization, excluding players, on an expense-free vacation in Hawaii about this time last year, flew some 350 of his people, including scouts and minor league personnel, to Florida for five days of fun and games at Dodgertown in Vero Beach. . . . Brigham Young University, headed for another appearance in the Holiday Bowl, sold its allotment of 10,000 bowl tickets in three hours and asked for more. . . . Bobby Bragan, the great story teller who formerly headed the National Association and now is director of the Rangers' speakers bureau, is working on a book chroni-



Tom Landry . . . Trouble with names.

cling his days as a player and manager. His tentative title, "You Can't Hit the Ball With the Bat on Your Shoulder," was picked after Bragan had first considered "Don't Die on Third Base."

AROUND THE HORN: Don't be surprised if righthander John Stuper, acquired by the Reds from the Cardinals, makes a strong comeback under the tutelage of Cincinnati's new pitching coach, Jim Kaat, who was Stuper's teammate with the Redbirds. "Kaat seems to be the only guy who can get through to him," said a St. Louis front-office source. . . . With all the talk about Gerry Faust being on the way out at Notre Dame, it should be noted that Irish fans swarmed onto the field after that 44-7 victory over Penn State for a celebration of national championship proportions. Celebrators, some chanting "Don't Oust Faust," carried star running back Allen Pinkett off the field on their shoulders. . . . Reports from Seattle indicate Mariners General Manager Hal Keller leaned toward Toledo (International) skipper Cal Ermer as his choice to pilot the Mariners, but Seattle Owner George Argyros chose to stick with interim Manager Chuck Cottier. . . . Boston Celtics star Larry Bird has a new pregame ritual at the Boston Garden. Bird takes 30 minutes of solitary shooting practice long before the rest of his teammates make an appearance. . . . Three of the world cham-

pion Tigers' 1984 coaches—Roger Craig, Dick Tracewski and Alex Grammas—played with and against Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax and they agree that Mark Langston, the Mariners' rookie lefthander who led the American League in strikeouts, throws as hard as Koufax in his prime.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE: It's been nearly 20 years since Rick Monday played college baseball at Arizona State University, but his loyalty to the Sun Devils never wavers. "Every Saturday during football season, I wear my Arizona State shirt," said Monday. "I don't care where I'm going. I may be out on my boat fishing, or if I'm out of town, I take it with me. It's a tradition." Monday led Arizona State to its first NCAA baseball title in 1965 and was named college player of the year after hitting .356 with 11 home runs. That summer, Monday became the first player picked in baseball's initial amateur draft and started a 17-year major league career with the Kansas City A's. Monday's playing career ended last June with his release by the Dodgers. However, "My career is just starting," said the 39-year-old former outfielder. "This was my first summer in some 20-plus years that I could do what I wanted. I've got a couple of businesses in Los Angeles and the possibility of hosting a (television) game show. I also have a boat in Marina del Rey that keeps me occupied." . . . Walt Hazzard takes a realistic view of the situation heading into his first season as head basketball coach at UCLA, his alma mater. "It's great to be back home at Westwood," said the Bruins' former All-America, "but I wouldn't be here if everything was great." . . . Fifty years ago, Dizzy Dean, a 30-game winner for the world champion Cardinals, shocked the baseball establishment with an ultimatum demanding a \$25,000 contract to pitch in 1935. The Hall of Famer-to-be settled for an estimated \$17,500.

FOOTNOTES: Even before Jimmy Davenport, new manager of the Giants, indicated the San Francisco shortstop job might be up for grabs next spring, incumbent Johnnie LeMaster enrolled in a real estate management course. "I'm far from the end of my career," said LeMaster, "but I want to be ready. I want my license, but I'm also interested in personal real estate investment." . . . There was a surprise in store for Los Angeles Clippers General Manager Carl Scheer when he completed a trade with the Milwaukee Bucks for Marques Johnson. "Marques," said Scheer, "is the only player I ever traded for who already had his plane reservation made before we could do it for him." . . . Reliever Terry Forster's weight and hamstring problems continue to concern the Braves' organization. Under Manager Joe Torre the last two years, Forster was fined heavily without positive results. "Money is not the way to get to Terry Forster," said Dodgers trainer Bill Buhler, recalling his experiences with the big lefthander in Los Angeles. "You have to stay on him, watch him, encourage him every day. He can do it, but his appetite is as big as his heart." . . . There was no end to the problems of Tufts University football Coach Vic Gatto, whose Jumbos finished 0-7-1. "I'll tell you what trouble is," said Gatto, following a recent contest. "It's when your admissions director, who is an alumnus of your opponent, sits on the opposite side of the field for the game, and not with your own fans."

Walk-Ons Walk Off With SEC Title

ATLANTA—For 11 years Galen Hall was the director of one of the most explosive offenses in college football, but only the closest of kin knew where he was and what he was up to. He was one of the last quarterbacks the New

FURMAN BISHOP



York Jets had in hire before Joe Namath, but mention his name in the Big Apple and it'll get you a puzzled stare.

Galen Hall had a gift for anonymity. Everywhere he went he managed to fade into the local scenery. He caused no commotion. He created no waves. He was never mentioned for any head coaching job. He was the head coach's perfect assistant.

Barry Switzer happily allowed him to shift the Oklahoma offense into gear, and stood back and admired his handiwork. Great talent came down the line—Joe Washington, Steve Davis, J.C. Watts, Billy Sims, David Overstreet—and Hall took it and hammered it into a yard-eating machine. They patted him on the head, which is bald, and said, "Nice work, Galen." He didn't even have a pet name. Outside Oklahoma nobody knew who the genius was. It was almost as if the name of Galen Hall came under the heading of "censored" at the border.

Oklahoma changed coaches twice after Hall hit the campus, but nobody suggested him for the job. Jim MacKenzie, who hired Hall, died at work. Chuck Fairbanks took his place. Fairbanks left for the New England Patriots and Switzer was the choice. All three had been assistants together—Fairbanks, Switzer and Hall.

Maybe it was Galen's accent. Hall came out of the little town of Williamsburg, Pa., and became Rip Engle's quarterback at Penn State, short, plump and balding, as the stories said. But he

had this hangup about winning. He could move a team. He threw a pass off a fake field goal and beat Alabama in the inaugural Liberty Bowl in 1959. He helped beat Oregon in the 1960 Liberty Bowl. And he threw three touchdown passes to beat Georgia Tech in the 1961 Gator Bowl.

Two years as a pro, spent mostly watching Norm Snead and George Izo play quarterback at Washington, were enough. He took a coaching job at West Virginia, and disappeared—until September 16, 1984. Suddenly, Galen Hall surfaced as the new head coach at Florida, interim basis, which meant he was on trial.

The Gators had developed a serious case of ethical violations, and the NCAA had indicated that it would be a wise idea if Charley Pell, the head coach, were dismissed. Just the previous February, Pell had hired Hall from Oklahoma. There were circumstances for Hall's leaving, neither meaning that he was chasing a head coaching job.

"I wanted to try something new in offense," he said. The contact had been Mike Shanahan, the offensive coach he replaced at Florida. Shanahan had left for the Denver Broncos. They were friends, and as he left, Shanahan suggested Hall to Pell.

Among the circumstances, there had been a divorce. Hall had remarried. He wanted a change of address for himself and his new wife. Gainesville seemed far enough, and besides, since Switzer's run-in with authority at O.U., all salaries had been frozen and there were rumblings.

Maybe head coaching wasn't too bad an idea, after all. "I think anybody in coaching has an ambition to be a head coach at some time," Galen Hall said. "But I was happy doing what I was doing."

This was just before the moment that Hall was to deliver unto Florida something that had never belonged to the Gators in their 51 years in the Southeastern Conference. The championship! Tom Leib, Bear Wolf, Bob Woodruff, Ray Graves and Doug Dickey had not been able to deliver in all those seasons

before Hall. He is still Florida's only unbeaten head coach.

When the Gators beat Kentucky, spreading Orange joy from Lexington back to Gainesville, it was Hall's seventh victory in seven games. Pell had been 1-1-1 when he abdicated by suggestion of the school president. Beating Kentucky not only won the SEC championship—made possible when LSU lost to Mississippi State the same afternoon—but also the official title as head coach for Hall. He had passed the test.

Some glossier names had been run past Marshall Crisler, the university's new president, but in the end how could he turn his back on a man 7-and-0? Hall fit the mew mood of Florida in this season mixed with despair and elation. Basic, down to earth, mild, unassuming, all those adjectives that describe the opposite of cunning, scheming, slick and oily.

Hall is as unlikely a head coach on the surface as Dick Crum of North Carolina. He looks like the man in the commercial who pleads with the ladies not to squeeze the Charmin. His presence on the sideline is emotionless; no foot-stomping, raging, cheering strides. Occasionally he nibbles on a fingernail, but only the headset identifies him as a member of the staff.

"Win one for yourselves, and forget the Gipper," would be his highlight speech, though the Florida players did say they wanted to know they'd won this one for all the former Florida players who'd been a part of this 51-year frustration. Many times the Gators had been favored to win the SEC championship since the conference took form in 1933, and just as many times they had lost.

Hall did it with a walk-on freshman quarterback from the farm village of Mayo, a high school lowest in Florida's ladder of strength. Kerwin Bell is called the "Throwin' Mayoan," and at the playing of the Kentucky game astoundingly stood third in passing across the nation.

So a walk-on coach wins it with a walk-on quarterback. It's the story of the year in American coaching, allowing one man his own opinion.

Yes-s-s!!!

A Between-Travels Visit With Marv Albert

NEW YORK—While in Gotham, I spent some time with Marv Albert, one of the busiest and most talented fellows in sports broadcasting. He travels the country for NBC-TV, covering pro football, boxing and college basketball. He anchors the sports desk for WNBC-TV in New York. He's the television play-by-play voice of the Knicks and the Rangers.

LARRY KING



Here are some of his thoughts on a number of topics: "I came up with the term 'Yes!' to describe a successful shot in basketball from my days on the playgrounds of Brooklyn. One of the guys used the term a lot when we would play pickup games. One night during a Knicks game I used it, and it's stuck ever since. I'm flattered when other broadcasters use it. . . . Marty Glickman was my inspiration. He's the greatest radio basketball voice of all time. I went to Syracuse University partly because Marty went there. After working in Syracuse radio for a while, I went to New York and had the opportunity to work with Marty, and no better break did any announcer ever have. . . . I think baseball is the hardest sport to do well. It has a pace and style all its own, and the action is actually the easiest part of it. The good baseball announcer knows what to do with all the rest of the time he has at his disposal. Action sports like basketball and football are much easier because the play is almost continuous. Hockey is really not any harder despite what the layman might think. As long as the announcer has good sight lines—the higher above the action the better—all you do is stay on the puck.

"Boxing is the weirdest sport to work. It's so disorganized. You can never be sure, for example, if the boxer's record is correct. You have 16 victories, five defeats and two draws. His manager says that's wrong; it's 18 wins. The fighter says he's lost only once. It's crazy. But they are wonderful athletes, and I would certainly disagree with Howard Cosell about boxing's value as a sport. If Hearn and Hagler fight, it'll be the biggest draw of this decade, and it should be a terrific evening. I like Hearn. . . . The wonderful thing about my job is that I'm doing exactly what I have always wanted to do. My brothers, Steve and Al, had the same wish, and they are doing it, too. My two boys want the same thing, and I hope they get it. What a great way to make a living."

NEW YORK TOPICS: Rusty Staub, a popular fellow here,



Rusty Staub: Bring his bat back.

has been dropped from the Mets' roster, and a lot of fans think his bat is still needed. Rusty seems an ideal designated hitter, and a lot of American League teams could use him. . . . The Knicks got off to a horrid start, and fans were rooting for the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan when the two teams played in Madison Square Garden. . . . The inconsistency of the New York Giants, who play well against good teams and poorly against bad ones, has fans scratching their heads. The offense is still a long way from championship caliber. . . . The Jets are the recipients of considerable scorn. Fans still can't believe the club overlooked Dan Marino in the 1983 draft. (A lot of other teams did the same, of course.) A recent loss to Indianapolis, 9-5, may have been the worst pro game ever played in the New York area. . . . The Rangers have a lot of depth for the first time in a long time, and they could be a serious Stanley Cup contender. . . . Aqueduct will be the site of the Breeders' Cup in 1985, and horse racing fans are already excited. The success of the inaugural at Hollywood Park stirred all of the interest.

OTHER STUFF: Dan Jenkins, whose funny book, "Life Its Ownself," is a deserved runaway best seller, will leave Sports Illustrated after 20 years on January 1. He'll write a monthly sports column for Playboy. Because of philosophical differences at SI, he "just couldn't handle it anymore," he told me. . . . A Broadway mogul is planning a revival on the stage play "Damn Yankees." Joe Namath is just about the right age now to play the lead.

(Larry King can be heard nightly on the Mutual Broadcasting System)

From Audrey to Yzerman

DETROIT—Thinking out loud: Guy Lafleur should retire.

I can't believe Joe D. is 70.

I've watched exactly one Monday night game this season.

How can anybody shoot a deer?

Try egg salad and bacon on rye toast.

I am rooting for Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon.

I like John McEnroe better when he's nasty.

Can you believe what Lou Holtz did at Minnesota?

I hope San Francisco makes it to the Palo Alto Super Bowl.

Thomas Hearn will beat Marvin Hagler.

I wonder how Eric Show is enjoying the off-season.

I must see a Grey Cup game one of these years.

The Angels were smart to rehire Gene Mauch.

I miss Woody Hayes.

I always root for Southern California.

I can't believe they've taken Monaco off the Grand Prix circuit.

That multimillion-dollar racing program (the Breeders' Cup) left me cold.

Please, no lights in Wrigley Field.

I wonder how Willie Hernandez will be when he doesn't win.

I find Merlin Olsen boring.

What does ESPN stand for?

Why do all NBA film highlights look the same to me?

Best life: Those guys on the PGA Senior Tour.

I must get to a Bing Crosby tournament.

Geez, I hope Mike Bossy doesn't outscore Wayne Gretzky.

Who remembers Harry Boykoff?

Bring back Crosley Field.

Who remembers Audrey Totter?

Funny, but I have no interest in those Olympic boxers.

Nobody writes hockey like Stan Fischler.

JOE FALLS



Isn't John Elway something?

I miss Joe Fortunato.

Georgetown vs. Indiana would be a sweet final for the NCAA title.

I hope Sleepy Jim Crowley is feeling well.

Lou Brock gets my vote for the Hall of Fame.

I can't name one player on the Wisconsin football team.

I'll bet Bud Grant is enjoying his Sunday afternoons.

Whatever became of sarsaparilla?

I can't put down "The Baseball Encyclopedia."

I love snow.

If Rick Ferrell is in the Hall of Fame, Arky Vaughan should be in.

Also, Country Slaughter.

Thank heaven for Steve Yzerman.

Fry up some onions and I'll do whatever you want.

I like Dick Williams' candor.

I root for Jack Clark, and I don't even know Jack Clark.

How many managers now for John McHale?

I must see a hockey game in Kamloops.

I miss the Pittsburgh Maulers.

Where is the Independence Bowl?

How can Harold Ballard, a diabetic, eat chocolates?

Seattle is such a nice city.

Is Wednesday still Prince Spaghetti Day?

Nobody ever smiled like Tommy Henrich.

I now can spell Peter Ueberroth on the first try.

I would buy a book about Dick Young's career.

I miss Alfred Hitchcock.

NBA games would be better if they left out the second quarter.

Quick now, who is David J. Stern?

Wonder if they'll call it Australia's Cup?

Gus Williams is my favorite basketball player.

How'd Slippery Rock finish up?

I hate liver and licorice.

How can an airline give you a bag of peanuts for breakfast?

Is anything more magical than the 1927 Yankees?

The 49ers' uniforms are the best.

Puppies are my favorite people.

The Ex-Jocks Lack Empathy

SportView



By JACK CRAIG

BOSTON—Recent utterances by commentators Bob Griese and Marv Albert point out the subtle differences that make a big difference in the acceptance by fans of sports broadcasters.

Griese, while analyzing the November 18 Patriots-Colts telecast on NBC, adopted an early hook in the 50-17 Patriots victory by focusing on quarterback Art Schlichter, who was starting his first National Football League game.

Griese compared Schlichter's performance with his own debut as a starter many years ago and with the blooming of Tony Eason, the Patriots' second-year quarterback. Griese stated, without qualification, that Schlichter would be as talented in a year as Eason is now.

He extended the parallel even further when Schlichter threw a bad pass that resulted in an interception, saying the Indianapolis quarterback would learn from the mistake.

Little that Schlichter did in that game suggested a diamond in the rough, even though he did make a bold, scrambling run for a touchdown.

Did Griese not know what so many listening to him knew about Schlichter, that from the outset he was considered a dubious NFL talent because he lacked a passing touch, that he was starting by default rather than achievement, and that he had a full year with the Colts prior to being suspended for gambling?

Or was Griese merely trying to create interest in an untested quarterback, meanwhile empathizing with him in a way that his audience, which never has faced a raging blitz, could not?

Whatever the reason, Griese sacrificed his own credibility to many viewers, leaving the inference that either he did not know the line on Schlichter or that he was trying to protect a good boy who had suffered enough already.

In contrast, Albert showed a fine touch with his audiences in two different incidents.

While broadcasting a Knicks-Celtics game in Boston on WOR-TV, analyst Butch Beard commended the undermanned Knicks for playing hard and keeping abreast of the National Basketball Association champions midway through the third period.

"Why shouldn't they play hard?" Albert responded, smartly avoiding the obvious by saying no more.

In the other case, Albert was broadcasting the November 18 Oilers-Jets game on NBC. Near the end of that contest Albert promised his bored New York audience that as soon as that mismatch was over they would be switched to the Miami-San Diego overtime game that was still in progress.

Alas, the game in New York was still meandering along when word arrived that the Chargers had won.

"I know you are ready to throw a chair at the TV set," Albert said, "but the overtime in San Diego is over. The Dolphins have lost."

This tendency to put himself in the fans' seat is a key to Albert's enormous popularity. It may be a learned skill to some degree, but instinct is at work, too. And having gone directly from sports fan to young broadcaster, he benefits from not being a former jock.

Many athletes share a common "us-against-them" mentality in which fans are viewed as front-runners who do not understand the stresses involved in professional sports. After being exposed to hotheaded, vocal fans who live vicariously through their teams' exploits, it is not surprising that athletes consider most fans uninformed.

Ex-jocks-turned-announcers also suffer from the common experience—on the giving end—of banal dressing-room interviews, which teach players to speak in generalities and to avoid criticism of fellow athletes.

Albert does not suffer from that experience, and his empathy for viewers shines through. Ex-jocks Beard and Griese were not so lucky, although they would not be in front of microphones at all if not for their training as athletes.

Overcoming the burden of being an ex-jock is a difficult jump for most broadcasters. They find it hard to be in contact with a team's athletes during the week prior to a game, collecting data, then criticize them on the air.

It will help if the jocks-turned-announcers start to recognize that much of their viewing audience has been watching sports since long before their playing days. Viewers have heard so much pap disguised as plain talk over the years that they have a sixth sense about it. But as a group, ex-jocks may be the last to realize that.

Running It Up

Unlike college football, there are few instances in the National Football League in which teams have the opportunity, or desire, to pile on points against a beaten opponent. But Patriots Coach Raymond Berry came upon the situation a few weeks ago and didn't like what he had to do.

New England was leading Buffalo 31-10 and had a first down at the Bills' seven-yard line with just 1:40 remaining in the game. Knowing that net points is part of the league's tie-breaking procedure, Berry passed for another score—incurring the wrath of the Bills, most notably safety Steve Freeman. The next week, New England bombed the Colts, 50-17, scoring a touchdown with 46 seconds left.

Talking about the Buffalo game, Berry said, "It's the first time I've been faced with that experience myself and having to deal with the negatives of it. But it's given me a clear-cut conviction about it. I think the rule (net points in the tie-breaker) violates the whole spirit of the game. It upsets the players on both teams, the coaches, it upsets the fans. It upsets me because it upsets them. But you don't have any choice because that's the way the rule is written."

Berry even wrote a letter to Freeman explaining his decision. After the game, Freeman had said, "I understand when the Patriots score, they give \$700 to the Boys' Club in Boston. Well, I just hope that Boys' Club is in some real need of money." After receiving Berry's letter, Freeman still wasn't satisfied. He wondered, "How many times does total points come up?"

Net points was a factor in 1980 when the Eagles faced Dallas on the final Sunday of the season needing only to lose by fewer than 25 points to win the NFC East Division title. But coaches' jobs depend on success, which usually is measured by a playoff appearance. One suggestion that would remedy the situation: eliminate net points and net touchdowns as a tie-breaker and replace it with fewest points or fewest touchdowns allowed. That way, the premium would be on defense and running it up would be unnecessary.

Grin and Bear It

As Mike Ditka had the Chicago Bears rolling toward the NFC Central Division championship, the front office remained firm in its decision to not offer Ditka a new contract while the current season is in progress. Ditka's three-year deal as head coach of the Bears expires at the end of this season. The simmering controversy boiled over when Ditka was interviewed November 19 on WMAQ Radio.

"Life goes on," Ditka said. "You have to understand I did not come here and was not hired by the people who run the club right now. There probably is a good chance I won't be here next year."

The team is now run by Michael McCaskey, who took over as Bears president after George Halas died during the 1983 season. It was Halas who hired Ditka. At his regular Wednesday press conference November 21, Ditka said, "I don't retract anything I said. I just answered a question. I'd been up since 4 a.m. and I answered the question around a quarter to 8."

Ditka also said he was surprised the media made so much of his comment. "We always seem to get sidetracked," he said.

Said McCaskey, "His statement suggests a predisposition to cleaning house. If you look at the way I've approached this, we have not cleaned house. I think that's a much better indicator of how I have operated."

Giving Your All

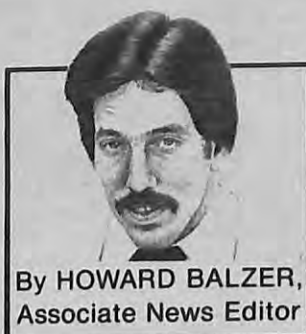
The admission by Denver receiver Butch Johnson that he purposely played below his ability in training camp with the Oilers so he'd get traded again produced an interesting reaction from Houston Coach Hugh Campbell.

"I thought he was trying hard," Campbell said. "I can't understand why he'd do that. He said he was anxious to stay in Texas. Maybe he's trying to protect his ego because he was discarded by somebody. We wouldn't want somebody on the team who didn't want to be here. If Butch would have told us he wanted to be traded again, we would have tried to work it out."

Johnson told the Dallas Morning News, "I just didn't try to adjust to their (the Oilers') system. On days I saw myself progressing toward their style, I decided to quit trying. I did it in a way that didn't hurt that organization."

Johnson had asked the Dallas Cowboys to trade him for at least two years. "I told Coach Landry that if you trade me anywhere besides Denver or Los Angeles (Raiders), I'd get myself traded again. He said he'd put my request under consideration. You can see how much consideration he put it under. I felt Landry wanted me to look like a bad actor."

Concluded Campbell, "He sure acted disappointed when he left. If that (story) is true, Butch should go to Hollywood. I've never seen him before this year, but I would think it's hard for a competitor to do less than his best in any situation. Butch is right about one thing—he did get himself traded. Whatever the reason for what happened, we were apparently right about getting rid of him. We wouldn't want someone like that."



By HOWARD BALZER,
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Charting the NFL

	Off.	Def.	Diff.
1. Seattle	9.15	4.99	+4.16
2. Denver	7.34	4.17	+3.17
3. San Francisco	7.03	4.51	+2.52
4. *Miami	7.41	4.90	+2.51
5. Washington	7.73	5.78	+1.95
6. L.A. Rams	6.99	5.89	+1.10
7. *N.Y. Jets	7.02	6.03	+0.99
8. Green Bay	6.93	5.97	+0.96
9. Pittsburgh	7.46	6.56	+0.90
10. New England	7.14	6.64	+0.50
11. L.A. Raiders	6.78	6.50	+0.28
12. Philadelphia	5.99	5.83	+0.16
13. N.Y. Giants	5.78	6.04	-0.26
14. Chicago	6.04	6.36	-0.32
15. St. Louis	6.45	6.77	-0.32
16. Dallas	5.38	5.75	-0.37
17. Kansas City	5.60	6.29	-0.69
18. San Diego	6.41	7.12	-0.71
19. Minnesota	6.20	7.23	-1.03
20. Tampa Bay	5.89	7.03	-1.14
21. Cincinnati	5.48	6.64	-1.16
22. New Orleans	5.96	7.33	-1.37
23. Atlanta	5.74	7.31	-1.57
24. Indianapolis	5.81	7.40	-1.59
25. Cleveland	4.88	6.59	-1.71
26. Detroit	5.41	7.36	-1.95
27. Buffalo	5.43	7.99	-2.56
28. Houston	4.86	7.49	-2.63

The NFL "opportunism" rankings, devised by Steve Hirdt of the Elias Sports Bureau, measure a team's strength on the basis of offensive and defensive opportunities. To figure a team's offensive rating, divide points scored by the team's total yards gained and multiply by 100. For defense, divide points allowed by total yardage allowed and multiply by 100. Then, figure the team's differential to determine its place in the rankings.

*Prior to November 26 game.

Around the USFL

The United States Football League held its long-awaited "master press conference" November 20 and revealed the league alignment for 1985, but little else. There will be 14 teams in two conferences of seven teams each. Comprising the Eastern Conference will be the Baltimore Stars, Birmingham Stallions, Jacksonville Bulls, Memphis Showboats, New Jersey Generals, Orlando Renegades and Tampa Bay Bandits. Making up the Western Conference are the Arizona Wranglers, Denver Gold, Houston Gamblers, Los Angeles Express, Oakland Invaders, Portland Breakers and San Antonio Gunslingers. Of the 14 clubs, only seven remain from the league's original 12. The season is scheduled to begin February 24 with the championship game set for July 14. That game was originally scheduled to be played in the Pontiac Silverdome, but the Michigan Panthers merged with the Oakland Invaders. Speculation is that Giants Stadium in New Jersey will be the site of the title game.

The Panthers, meanwhile, settled their lease with the Silverdome. Under terms of the agreement, the Pontiac Stadium Building Authority and the City of Pontiac will receive \$1.325 million and all litigation will cease. The Invaders revealed that Michigan Owner Alfred Taubman will now have a controlling interest in the Oakland club while the Invaders' Tad Taube will serve as franchise chairman. Panthers G.M. Vince Lombardi Jr. will serve as the Invaders' president and general manager. Lombardi said merging teams, including the Arizona-Oklahoma consolidation, will be able to protect 33 players from the combined rosters. However, that is not official because an agreement is needed with the USFL Players Association. The USFL wants unprotected players to be available in an allocation draft while the union is hoping for total free agency for those players. Another bone of contention is the allocation of players from Pittsburgh and Chicago, teams that have ceased operation. It was unknown how the league plans to jump from the spring of 1985 to its scheduled fall season in 1986.

Arizona Vice-President Clyde Gibson is expected to soon be without a job as Oklahoma's Bill Tatham Jr. has virtually taken over the club. Of the 48 employees listed in the Wranglers' 1984 media guide, only 18 remain. A merger agreement has not been officially signed between Tatham and Arizona's Dr. Ted Diethrich, but only the player allocation plan is reportedly holding up the signing. Said Gibson, "The situation is the new group is sort of running the club with Doc's blessing." Most of the coaching staff are holdovers from the Wranglers, with the exception of Oklahoma's Tim Mills, who will coach the special teams. Also from the Outlaws are assistant general manager Bruce Kebric and business manager Bill Wall. . . . The transplanted Stars, while playing at the University of Maryland, are still considering practicing in Philadelphia, where they were based the first two years of the USFL. . . . The Express held a mini-camp beginning November 27. L.A. hired Jerry Neeman as weight and conditioning coach. Neeman was formerly the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Nebraska.

Agent Leigh Steinberg said the Express had "officially fulfilled the terms" of quarterback Steve Young's contract. In question was the payment of an annuity that was largely responsible for the inflated value of the deal. . . . Chicago tight

end Mark Keel said he almost signed with the New England Patriots recently but his slow-healing fractured right wrist kept the deal from being completed. . . . Frank Emanuel, former defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Bulls, has settled his suit against the team. Emanuel was fired during the 1984 season while undergoing treatment for an alcohol problem. "I didn't think they were fair to me, and that's why I filed the suit in the first place," Emanuel said. He settled for the \$3,600 the Bulls originally offered as a contract settlement because "this thing could have dragged on for a long time, and I didn't think it was worth it." Emanuel is now living in Tampa and working for Bankers Life in financial planning. He said he turned down an offer to be an assistant with another USFL team because of his present job's security. And his drinking problem? "I know that I can't drink," he said. "I had some problems before, but they never affected my job until Jacksonville. I can't blame it on the pressures of football, because we were 2-14 at Tampa Bay (Buccaneers) and I wasn't drinking then. I'm happy now. I've finally accepted that it's a problem."

Faces and Places

The NFL, while keeping running back Chuck Muncie sidelined for the remainder of the season, ruled that New Orleans nose tackle Tony Elliott is eligible for immediate reinstatement and he was activated November 24. Elliott spent four weeks in a drug rehabilitation center last season and was released by the Saints last July after being arrested on charges of forgery and issuing worthless checks. He was then later charged on federal charges of stealing a neighbor's income tax refund check, forging his signature and cashing the check. Elliott pleaded guilty August 1 and was placed on three years' probation on the condition he undergo treatment for a drug problem. He was re-signed by the Saints October 26 and Coach Bum Phillips said if there was a suspension Elliott should begin serving it this season rather than have to wait for 1985. After meeting with Elliott, the league said he could begin playing. "This is the turning point for me," Elliott said.

Notre Dame's decisive win over Penn State on November 17 may have had an effect on a couple of former Irish running backs who ran wild the next day. Buffalo's Greg Bell rushed for 206 yards against Dallas and Larry Moriarty of the Oilers gained 138 against the Jets (one week before he was KO'd at Cleveland).

Department of oddities: Brigham Young, which has produced several NFL quarterbacks, cannot boast of any receivers currently in the league. However, three players who played running back at BYU are in the NFL: Seattle's Eric Lane, San Francisco's Bill Ring and Todd Christensen of the Raiders. Christensen was switched to tight end in the pros. . . . Seattle tight end Charlie Young is trying to complete a trifecta. He played for the Rams in Super Bowl XIV and the 49ers in Super Bowl XVI. . . . When the Jets signed quarterback Bob Avellini recently, it prevented him from playing for the consolation championship in a Chicago touch football league. . . . Broncos receiver Clint Sampson faces a January 29 trial in Greeley, Colo., on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving. Sampson was arrested August 13 in Greeley, where the team holds training camp. . . . The NFL was scheduled to review a \$500 fine imposed on Washington safety Curtis Jordan after Jordan appealed the action. . . . Steelers linebacker Jack Lambert said he would retire if his dislocated toe does not heal properly by next spring.

Redskins trainer Bubba Tyer said a knee injury suffered recently in practice by center Rick Donnalley might have been worse if Donnalley hadn't been wearing a brace. Most of the team's offensive linemen wear the braces in practice and in games. . . . Seattle receiver Paul Johns recently consulted with specialists at the University of Michigan for a third opinion on whether he should undergo surgery to repair a ruptured disc.

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O.J. Questions Play Selection

ST. LOUIS—The frustration of a three-game losing streak surfaced in the St. Louis Cardinals' locker room following a 16-10 loss to the New York Giants.

Running back Ottis Anderson was openly unhappy with his team's abandonment of the rushing game in the second half. St. Louis had moved the ball effectively on the ground, but after the Cardinals fell behind, 9-7, late in the third quarter, quarterback Neil Lomax was instructed to throw. A couple of interceptions proved especially costly as the Cardinals slipped to 6-6.

"We worked all week on rushing the football, and my whole line was geared for that," Anderson volunteered afterward. "We did it in the first half. Then, you saw the second half—all they did was play a deep zone in the second half."

Anderson seemed to be insinuating that the run was still the way to go against the Giants' cautious defense.

"I can't say. We only do what we're told," said Anderson, who gained more than 100 yards both rushing and receiving, only the 16th time in NFL history that has been done. "Neil calls the plays. He gets them from the sideline, and the sideline gets them from up top (from coaches in the press box) and we go with it. Whatever it is, we've got to do it. We've got no control over what they call."

"We ran the ball well in the first half. Basically, we did what we wanted to do. In the second half, I don't know. My whole line wanted to do one thing, but we had to go with the program. You know what I mean?"

Predictably, Coach Jim Hanifan wasn't happy with the second-guessing. "I will talk to the team about that," he promised the following morning.

Offensive boss Red Dowhower has drawn much-deserved praise for coordinating an attack that was the NFC's most prolific for nine weeks. Dowhower, who calls all the plays from the press box, discounted the seriousness of Anderson's comments.

"It's normal for human nature to take its course," Dowhower said the next day. "It's normal to ask, 'What if? Why shouldn't we? Why didn't they?'"

"But if you ask me, it's all a bunch of bull. Everybody has their job to do, coaches and players alike. And if everybody does his job, it'll all work out."

"This is the same team that was doing so well. We've had some rough moments. They've been self-inflicted. It's not the popping off (that's annoying). You're going to sit there and question what you're doing. But what we've got to do is just settle down and play."

In the three-game skid, which included home losses to the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas, the Cardinals scored only 40 points. They averaged more than 30 points a game in building a 6-3 mark. An inability to deal with deep zones contributed to their woes, but the main problem was turnovers.

In the first nine games, the Cardinals had 13 turnovers. In the next three, they committed 16. "The bottom line is that you can't put the ball on the ground," said Dowhower.

The defensive book on the Cardinals is to drop the safeties and linebackers very deep and see if St. Louis can win with the short stuff. The Cardinals have tried to adjust their strategy, but the execution has not been forthcoming.

"It takes some patience when you face that type of defense," said Dowhower. "Maybe you won't get a big gain. Like an inchworm, you have to make your way downfield. Eventually, something will break for you. O.J. took a couple of short throws and made some good runs (against the Giants). Those are the kinds of things you have to do."

Post Cards: The Cardinals have gone to court in an effort to block several St. Louis bars from televising blacked-out home games. The bars are picking up the telecasts with satellite-dish antennas. . . . Lomax's quarterback rating plunged from 102.9 after nine games to 89.4 after 12, and his club-record streak for touchdown passes was snapped by the Giants. Lomax had thrown for at least one TD in 19 consecutive games. . . . In the three-game losing streak, St. Louis opponents completed only 29 of 77 passes for 359 yards and converted just eight of 40 third-down situations.

STEVE KELLEY



Gibbs Says It's Not Theismann's Fault

WASHINGTON—The Washington Redskins' 16-10 loss at Philadelphia in Week 12 magnified one growing, gnawing problem: the Redskins' passing game had been in varying degrees of disarray for five weeks.

Joe Theismann completed 21 of 38 passes against the Eagles, but the aerials netted only 149 yards.

"We were very accurate on the shorter stuff; things over 10

yards we just couldn't hit," said Coach Joe Gibbs. "I think a lot of that had to do with Philadelphia playing good against us."

The question was how much of it had to do with the Redskins' own deficiencies. Washington was averaging 179 passing yards per game, 50 yards less than its average last season, and ranked in the bottom third of the league in that category.

Many observers pinned the blame on Theismann, who had thrown for more than 300 yards in just one game this season (331 in a 37-31 loss at San Francisco) and for less than 150 yards four times in the Redskins' 7-5 start.

After 12 games last season, Theismann had thrown 20 touchdown passes, just five interceptions and had four games of more than 300 yards (with a high of 417). The Redskins were 10-2, en route to 14-2, and Theismann went on to win the league's Most Valuable Player award.

After 12 games this season, Theismann had thrown 17 TD passes and 11 interceptions. He had completed 57 percent of his passes compared with a career-high 60 percent last year.

"Everybody's focal point goes to Joe," said Gibbs, always Theismann's greatest supporter. "I don't think (the criticism) is justified is what I'm saying."

Gibbs defended Theismann by pointing out that not everything is within a quarterback's control. He noted, for instance, that numerous injuries have weakened the Redskins' passing game.

Several of Theismann's key receivers are among the 14 Redskins who have been placed on the injured reserve list since the roster was trimmed to 49.

All-Pro receiver Charlie Brown missed the equivalent of nearly eight of the first 12 games; running back Joe Washington, a popular third-down target who caught 47 passes last season, missed eight games; wide receiver Alvin Garrett (25 catches last season) missed nine games, and tight end Clint Didier (19 catches this season, four for touchdowns) missed the first five games.

Also missed is running back Nick Giaquinto, who retired after catching 27 passes last season as the team's preeminent third-down receiver.

Even though replacements such as receiver Calvin Muhammad (25 catches) and running back Jeff Moore (15) have provided some relief, Gibbs said that it takes time to develop the confidence and continuity that helped make the Redskins' passing game so potent last season. Remember, the Redskins scored 541 points, an NFL record.

To date, the high point of the Redskins' season is the 34-14 victory over Dallas in Week 7, in which Washington racked up 423 total yards. It was the Redskins' fifth consecutive victory and improved the team's record to 5-2.

In the five succeeding games, the offense that averaged 384 total yards last season reached the 300-yard mark just once—and that 327-yard total was achieved in a 37-13 loss to the New York Giants in the Meadowlands.

"Five of the last six weeks, we've given up scoring opportunities inside the 20. In every game before that, we had only given up one," Gibbs said. "That's not playing smart. That's not making plays when you have to have it."

Redskin Rapping: Wide receiver Art Monk continued to be the stabilizer of the passing game, with 71 receptions for 1,007 yards and four touchdowns. . . . The Redskins used one of their three remaining moves by activating All-Pro free safety Mark Murphy from injured reserve November 17. To make room for Murphy, who will play on special teams and back up Curtis Jordan, the Redskins placed strong safety Tony Peters on the injured list for a minimum of four weeks. Peters has been suffering from a pulled abdominal muscle all season, and it now seems unlikely that he will return to the active roster, even should the Redskins qualify for postseason play.

GARY POMERANTZ



Aristocrats Forced To Sift Discards

DALLAS—In gloried seasons past the Dallas Cowboys treated the waiver wire as nothing more than a curiosity. The comings and goings of the NFL's homeless were viewed with amusement, if at all.

This year the Cowboys pay close attention whenever a new name pops up on the list. Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

The cavalier attitude changed by necessity, especially regarding wide receivers and offensive linemen.

Where last year the Cowboys hoarded an embarrassment of riches in both areas, this season they were forced to sign three receivers who were unwanted by the rest of the league and were desperate for linemen but could find none.

Duriel Harris, the fading former star receiver of the Miami Dolphins, was signed the day after he was cut by the Cleveland Browns. In the second week of the season, Dallas claimed Harold Carmichael and Waddell Smith off waivers.

Carmichael and Smith caught one pass each and were later handed their releases. Landry praised Carmichael's attitude, but it was clear that the former Eagle's abilities had deteriorated. He played, sparingly, in only two games.

The situation along the offensive line became critical when the club's only natural tackles, Jim Cooper and Howard Richards, were lost for the season to injuries. Then, in a 14-3 embar-

rassment in Buffalo, Phil Pozderac, the last healthy tackle, sprained his right knee, which caused him to miss the Thanksgiving Day game against the New England Patriots.

That left the Cowboys with a starting line composed of players who are natural guards. Herb Scott and Brian Baldinger became the first-unit tackles. Tom Rafferty, a starting guard from 1977-80, remained at center.

The only available reserves were rookies John Hunt and Dowe Aughtman. Hunt was brought back from injured reserve and Aughtman was making the conversion from defensive tackle.

The waiver wire offered no serviceable replacements.

"It's really unusual," said Coach Tom Landry of the club's search for warm bodies. "We very seldom pick up anybody else outside of people in our own system. But we've had so many people retire and get hurt that you've got to get players from somewhere. It's really unusual for that many offensive linemen to get hurt."

Harris was signed to provide a possible solution to the Cowboys' anemic production in third-down situations. After 11 weeks, Dallas stood 27th in the league in third-down conversions with a 32.1 percent success rate.

When he was asked to explain his team's offensive ineptitude, Landry listed wide receiver problems first.

"Healthy receivers are what we need most," he said. "We were in a groove for so long in that position. That's the biggest difference in our offense from last year. This is a new experience for us."

The deterioration of the receiving corps began in the off-season when Drew Pearson retired and Butch Johnson was traded. Then Tony Hill suffered a separated shoulder in the opener, forcing the Cowboys into their nationwide search.

Doug Donley, counted on to add speed to the passing game, has been injured most of the season. In a six-game stretch he caught only one pass.

Hill, who Landry hoped would juice up the offense when he recovered from the injury, had a disappointing eight receptions in three games before catching eight passes for 125 yards and one touchdown against the Patriots.

Mike Renfro, acquired from Houston for Johnson, produced beyond Landry's expectations, setting a personal best for career yardage in a season after 12 games. But Renfro lacks speed and was shut out in two consecutive games.

With the receivers unable to get open consistently, first-year starting quarterback Gary Hogeboom's performance deteriorated. Hogeboom was near the bottom of the NFC in quarterback efficiency rating when Landry replaced him with Danny White against New England.

"Danny (White) had worked with some great receivers for four years," said Landry. "He had his timing down and great rapport with them. Now we're trying to reestablish that."

Bunkhouse: Landry said linebacker Billy Cannon, Dallas' first-round draft pick, probably will sit out the rest of the season. Cannon suffered a serious neck injury and temporary paralysis October 21 against New Orleans. . . . With their 20-17 victory over the Patriots, the Cowboys clinched a 20th consecutive winning season, the longest such streak in the NFL.

KEN SINS



Currier, Benson Are Unsung Heroes

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—When the New York Giants finished 3-12-1 in 1983, strong safety Bill Currier took some of the blame. He did not seem to be forcing runs well and was being beaten in single pass coverage.

"People were looking for a scapegoat," Currier said. Currier had started in 39 of 41 games from 1981 to '83 after coming to the Giants from New England in a trade for an 11th-round draft pick, but his status was shaky last summer. The Giants had drafted strong safety Clint Harris and when Currier suffered back spasms in the third exhibition game and was hospitalized, Kenny Hill was acquired in a trade with the Los Angeles Raiders.

"It was very tough," said Currier, who spent two weeks in traction and spent the first seven regular-season games on injured reserve. "I came in this year in as good shape as I'd ever been in. I was ready to go out and play. It was very tough lying in a hospital not knowing if I was going to be able to play again."

Meanwhile, Harris also went on injured reserve and Hill suffered a lower leg injury in the sixth week, against San Francisco. Coach Bill Parcells plugged veteran Pete Shaw in at strong safety for two weeks, then activated Currier as a nickel back for the eighth game, October 21 at Philadelphia.

Currier started the next four games and the Giants won three. Against Washington on October 28, he made three tackles that jarred the ball loose from receivers. On one hit, Currier suffered a concussion. Before going to the hospital for observation, he fell off his seat on the bench and during intermission, he repeatedly said, "Where's my playbook?"

In the Giants' 16-10 victory over St. Louis on November 18, Currier tied inside linebacker Harry Carson's team-high of 10

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unassisted tackles. And Currier made two big fourth-quarter plays. He chased Ottis Anderson down and submarined him on the Giants' 17 yard-line to end a 57-yard run with a dump pass. Five plays later, Currier and end Casey Merrill stopped Anderson for a two-yard loss on third-and-goal at the 1. That forced the Cardinals to settle for a field goal with 1:57 left in the game, meaning that the Cardinals had to go for a touchdown when they got the ball back in the closing seconds. They failed.

"I'm basically a consistent player," said Currier, 29, who was stung by off-season criticism. "I don't vary 10 percentage points either way every game. I was a ninth-round draft pick. I've had to work hard. Eight years is a long career by NFL standards. If you don't work hard it, you lose it pretty fast."

On the offensive side, the Giants' most consistent unsung player was offensive lineman Brad Benson. He had started 58 of 67 games at left tackle since coming off the injured list in September 1979. In the preseason, however, Parcells put No. 1 draft pick William Roberts at left tackle and switched Benson to right guard to replace J.T. Turner, who was released. When Roberts suffered a foot injury in the eighth game, Benson went back to tackle and USFL import Chris Godfrey replaced him at right guard.

The Giants' pass blocking remained effective and their run blocking improved. When Roberts was healthy, he had to stay with the scout team.

"I'm just happy to be able to contribute," Benson said. "I'm still happy to be here, really. Anytime you're making a position switch like that, it's certainly taxing mentally and physically. I've been a little more grouchy at home. But I just want to contribute. I'm sure if you plugged me into the computer at 6-3, 270 as a tackle, it would kick me back out compared to today's standards."

Benson said he noticed a parallel between his career and Currier's. "I think we've both got where we are by working hard," Benson said. "When you have to struggle, chew, scrap and bite the way we have, I think you appreciate what you have more. I think players like us get more gratification from playing."

Giants' Jottings: Split end Earnest Gray, who never had missed a regular-season game, was placed on injured reserve one day before the St. Louis game with a fractured bone in his right hand. His roster spot went to linebacker Andy Headen, activated with the Giants' second "move" after missing five games with a sprained foot. . . . The Giants scrapped their 4-2-5 defense for a 4-3-4 vs. the Cards and kept inside linebackers Carson and Garv Reasons on the field. . . . Left cornerback

Mark Haynes had six interceptions through 12 games. . . . With Gray out, the Giants were left with four receivers who totaled one year of NFL experience. Flanker Bobby Johnson switched to split end and Lionel Manuel became the starter at flanker. Byron Williams and Phil McConkey took turns as the third receiver on passing downs. . . . Free safety Terry Kinard (sprained toe) was rested against St. Louis, breaking a string of 21 starts.

JIM SMITH



Reichenbach Plays Big Gap for Eagles

PHILADELPHIA—Jerry Robinson starts for the Philadelphia Eagles at left inside linebacker. The guy who has been finishing lately is Mike Reichenbach.

A bruised right shoulder sidelined Robinson for one entire game and the second halves of four others in the last six weeks. Reichenbach, a rookie free agent from East Stroudsburg, Pa., has delivered some solid relief work.

In a recent win over Washington, Reichenbach played the entire game in Robinson's place, making nine tackles and recovering a fumble. A week earlier in Miami, he led the Eagles with eight solo tackles, including a crunching, over-the-top stop of Pete Johnson on the goal line.

Reichenbach, at 6-2, 235, also leads the Eagles with tackles on special teams. That is astonishing, considering that he was released in training camp and not recalled until the fifth week of the season.

"After training camp, I knew I could play in this league," Reichenbach said. "It was just a matter of getting that break."

That break came on September 25. Bill Cowher, the Eagles' special teams captain, had torn up a knee two days earlier against San Francisco. Coach Marion Campbell needed a linebacker quickly, and Reichenbach, at home in Bethlehem, Pa., was only a phone call away.

The Eagles had done a smart thing with Reichenbach, keeping in weekly touch with him after he was cut.

"They said I would be back," Reichenbach said. "You sit at home and think, 'Are they lying to me?' It's all a big head game. You don't know what to think."

For two weeks, the calls from Philadelphia kept him encouraged. Then two weeks became three. Three weeks

dragged into a month. Reichenbach thought about going back to school. He is only a semester away from a degree in environmental chemistry.

"I was getting discouraged," he said. "Mentally, I was getting down. I had been running by myself every day."

Finally, in late September, the Eagles called again. This time they wanted his name on a contract. The call came on a Monday. Reichenbach threw some clothes into a suitcase and hurried down to Philadelphia. For three weeks he didn't have a place to live. But his impact on the Eagles was immediate.

Reichenbach played his first game against Washington September 30 and collected five tackles on special teams. "That was a chance to get some good hits and get some good recognition," he said. "That's something I needed right away."

Since then, Reichenbach has become a capable run stuffer inside. Like most young linebackers, his pass coverage needs work. Miami's Dan Marino burned him on a touchdown pass to running back Tony Nathan. Reichenbach hadn't seen too many Marinos at East Stroudsburg.

Just how much Reichenbach will play depends on the shock absorbers in Robinson's right shoulder. X-rays have revealed no separation, but the pain usually catches up to him at half-time. That's when the Eagles call on Reichenbach.

"Jerry's hurting," Campbell said. "He's been in and out of the lineup. We've got to take care of him. The doctor can't find any bone crack. We're concerned. The injury is lingering. Maybe just time off will do it. The doctor's concerned because it's been six weeks and the shoulder hasn't responded."

Eagles Nest: Robinson probably will return next season to outside linebacker, where he enjoyed his best seasons. . . . The Eagles may turn defensive end Byron Darby into a linebacker, which he played at USC. . . . There is a growing suspicion that backup quarterback Joe Pisarcik will be expendable after this season. . . . Rookie kicker Paul McFadden was leading the NFL with 23 field goals after 12 games, one three-pointer short of Tom Dempsey's club record for a season.

The Eagles had 12 interceptions after 12 games, compared to an NFL low of eight in the entire '83 season. . . . All-pro receiver Mike Quick has been bothered by a recurrence of tendinitis in his left knee. Quick left the recent Washington game without a reception, and the Eagles were suddenly playing without their top two receivers. Kenny Jackson has been on injured reserve for a month with a separated shoulder. His status for the rest of the season is uncertain. . . . Cornerback Roynell Young, out because of a strained abdominal muscle, has finally been activated.

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Bubba Taking Hold at Tackle

SAN FRANCISCO—When the San Francisco 49ers faced the Tampa Bay Bucs, most of the attention was riveted on defensive end Fred Dean, who was lining up for his first action of the year with the Niners after a lengthy holdout.

But those who focus on line play saw another key matchup—San Francisco offensive tackle Bubba Paris against All-Pro defensive end Lee Roy Selmon.



"Yes, Bubba certainly had his hands full," 49ers Coach Bill Walsh said.

Tampa Bay Coach John McKay put it a little differently.

"Their left tackle did a tremendous job of holding," McKay fumed after the 49ers' 24-17 victory. "If he can contain Lee Roy Selmon that long, then the world just came to an end."

But the point isn't whether Paris held Selmon. It is that the 49ers can now, well, hold their own at left tackle.

They have been lacking at that spot since All-Pro Len Rohde departed in the mid 1970s. Since then, there's been a parade of players at the position that included Jean Barrett, John Ayers, Ron Singleton, Ken Bungarda, Dan Audick and Lindsey Mason.

In 1983, Paris asserted himself. This year, the 49ers added 10th-year man Billy Shields, giving them something they have never had at left tackle—talent, experience and depth.

Against Cleveland and Tampa Bay, it all came in handy. When Paris missed the Cleveland game with a sore knee, Shields stepped in and the front line remained solid in a 41-7 victory.

When Bubba came back from his knee problems just in time to face Selmon and the Bucs, Shields was there to give needed advice.

"I was thankful that I had the chance to play against Lee Roy Selmon," Paris politely remarked after the game. "He's the best I've faced at any level."

"He made me play great and even then it was barely enough. He made me look bad on a lot of plays, but I learned a lot from playing against him. And I learned a lot about how to deal with him from listening to Billy."

Shields started 97 consecutive games for the San Diego Chargers through last season. During a salary squabble last summer, the Chargers tried to trade Shields to Minnesota but he didn't report. Then they tried to waive him, but when Houston put in a claim he exercised his right as a vested veteran to declare free agency. Then, he signed with the 49ers.

Not only did this give Paris more incentive to work hard, but it also gave him a teacher. That helped when he faced Selmon.

"Lee Roy, in my opinion, is the best defensive end there is who plays every down," Shields said, contrasting Selmon to Dean, a pass-rush artist. "You can't expect a young player like Bubba to step in there and do great against a Selmon."

Bobb McKittrick, the 49ers' offensive line coach, said, "Bubba had a rough first half and some bad moments in the third quarter, but he hung in there and kept improving, thanks to help he got from Billy."

"I could see what was happening, but sometimes it's better to have a player tell a player what's going on and how to handle it. Billy may have been one of the unsung heroes. He's played Selmon before and kept telling Bubba what to expect."

Shields explained. "On a pass rush, for example, Lee Roy starts off on a slow, long stride that kind of lulls you, then he is off like a rocket. He gets one arm under you for leverage and there's not much you can do to compensate."

"I talked to Bubba about that and some other things. Selmon is quite a load for anybody and this was Bubba's first experience with him."

Niner Nuggets: Dean collected only one sack in his debut, but it was a key one that stopped a Bucs drive with 4:49 left. . . . Rookie safety-linebacker Jeff Fuller, who missed three games with "personal problems," returned to the 49ers and issued a prepared statement: "I have been under a physician's care for emotional problems that originated from a period of personal crisis. I am appreciative of the time afforded me to work through these difficulties."

FRANK COONEY



Winston Shoveled Dirt on Steelers

NEW ORLEANS—Jim Kovach noticed the gleam in Dennis Winston's eyes several days before the New Orleans Saints' November 19 game with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"You can tell when he's getting up for a game," Kovach said. "His eyes sparkle, but he acts different, more reserved than usual. Then as game time gets closer, he's like a tea kettle building steam, ready to boil over."

Kovach, an inside linebacker in the Saints' 3-4 defense, had seen his running mate that way on two other occasions. "He really gets excited about playing against Dallas," Kovach said.

Winston was excited about playing the Steelers because they are the team that selected him as a defensive end in the fifth round of the 1977 draft, the team that put two Super Bowl rings on his fingers, the team that traded him to the Saints on draft day 1982.

"I let them know in so many words that I wanted out," Winston said. "I really thought they would trade me to a West Coast team, but it's worked out pretty well for me."

A few days before the game, Winston sounded a warning. "This is one game that I know I'm going to play well," he said. "I'm just trying to make sure, trying to think about what I'm going to do during the game, trying to visualize in my mind making the big play."

Those words proved prophetic as Winston's 47-yard interception return provided the winning points in the Saints' 27-24 victory over the Steelers.

Winston reacted to exactly what he was trying to visualize: a back running a little hook pattern in front of the linebackers.

"They'd been running that hook the whole night. I saw it coming," Winston said. "I jumped in front of him (rookie Rich Erenberg) and the ball hit me in the chest. There wasn't nothing I could do with it but run."

"I can't tell you what I was thinking, but this was my Super Bowl."

And the Saints' first victory in seven Monday night appearances.

"This was a night of vindication for the whole team," Winston said.

The Saints' defense, which had not been making the big play, produced four turnovers, three of which led to scores. The other, an interception by end Bruce Clark, who also recovered two fumbles, stopped a Pittsburgh scoring threat.

Afterward, Winston, the team leader in tackles with 65 solos and 53 assists despite a pinched nerve in his neck, said the team's defensive problems are history.

"We found out what happened to us," he said. "Other guys were trying to help guys who might be having some problems and they were hitting the wrong gaps. We've ironed out our problems now. We're playing good defense now."

Saints Scroll: Superdome chairman Mark Delesdernier said he believes that John Mecom Jr., owner of the Saints, has received "a couple of substantial and serious offers" to buy and move the team. Rumors of a sale first surfaced in April, but Mecom has always denied them. . . . Tight end Larry Hardy's touchdown catch against the Steelers was his first reception of the season. . . . Tight end Junior Miller's touchdown catch against the Steelers was his first such reception since 1982. . . . Richard Todd threw four TD passes in two games, all to tight ends.

DAVE LAGARDE



Tough Blocker Hill Wins Rams' Praise

ANAHEIM—David Hill, the starting tight end of the Los Angeles Rams, has developed a new ritual for game days. He pops four aspirin before the kickoff, calling it a little prevention for his new position in life.

Hill is a head knocker, a body beater. Most teams want tight ends with long-ball capability, searching for the next Kellen Winslow. Not the Rams. John Robinson loves a tight end who can level linebackers and defensive ends and pick up the blitz.

As Eric Dickerson closes on his second consecutive National Football League rushing title, Hill's willingness to block, and block effectively, has been a necessary ingredient.

"I think David's become a dominant blocker, possibly the best blocking tight end in the league," Robinson said. "In the Chicago game, he dominated the players he had to block. I don't think the Bears ever thought that one guy could handle some of their big-play (defensive) people like Otis Wilson the way David did."

"If I was a boxer, my (blocking) style could be compared to Joe Frazier," Hill said. "I put my head down and let the guy bring on his best stuff. Maybe one day I'll wake up and I won't have any senses."

Robinson has sold Hill, a former Pro Bowl tight end known for his receiving and end-zone dance in Detroit, on blocking. Although he had 25 receptions for an 8.8 average with four games remaining, Hill has resigned himself to the reality that pass catching is his second line of work.

To achieve this desired state for his power running game, Robinson doesn't bug Hill about his weight, which probably is more than 20 pounds above his media-guide figure 235 pounds.

"David and I got a great thing going," said Robinson, whose eating habits probably are as bad as Hill's. "Why should I mind? I love his big butt. There are so many tight ends in this league who are not genuinely great at either blocking or catching. At least, we have a tight end who is great at one thing, blocking."

When the Rams played the Bears, Hill said it was the first time in his nine-year career that he didn't run a single pass route. But the Bears, who entered the game with 20 sacks in their two previous games, didn't sack Jeff Kemp once, mainly because Hill handled Wilson and helped on Richard Dent.

But Hill isn't upset about his reduced receiving role.

"I try not to think about it," Hill said. "Everybody has a role to play and I've come to think of my job like that of a designated hitter. I think it may even prolong my career because I'm allowed to play at the weight I want to."

"It's easier to take, too, when you have a running back like Eric," Hill added. "It's fun being part of a powerful group, plus I'm good friends with Eric. I like seeing him do well. But that doesn't mean that I haven't tried some influence on Eric to try to get me just three little quick passes to open a game. If he could swing that with Jeff, then I'll block for him all day."

Ram-blings: The most outspoken critic of the penalty disparity (13 to 5) in the Green Bay game was Rams Owner Georgia Frontiere. The Rams, who were averaging only five penalties a game, were whistled for nine in the second quarter, five of them holding penalties which negated several long gains. Said Frontiere: "They (officials) see what they want to see and call what they want to call. It's unrealistic and totally unfair to be so one-sided. As if they weren't holding Jack Youngblood on every play."

Free safety Johnnie Johnson is upset over a coaching decision that has him starting, but off the field when the Rams go to a nickel defense. "How can I be good enough to start, but not good enough when they use five defensive backs?" Johnson said. Robinson explains: "Johnnie isn't all the way back from his (ankle) injury."

JOHN CZARNECKI



Bartkowski Admits Retirement Thoughts

ATLANTA—As Steve Bartkowski lay face down on the turf in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, his 1984 season ended by a knee injury resulting from his 10th sack of the day by the Cleveland Browns, a murmur crept through the press box. "That could be the career," said writers who are close to the Atlanta Falcons quarterback.

Sure enough, as Bartkowski left the field on a stretcher, headed for arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, retirement was on his mind.

His retirement thoughts have nothing to do with his unsettled contract, he said. It has more to do with his two sons, and with his ability to walk.

"I think about my boys," he said. "I think about being able to play Wiffle ball with them in the front yard or throw a football. I think about being able to function like a normal human being when I'm out of the game, without having to use crutches or to be in somewhat of an invalid state. I don't want to put a burden on my family like that."

Bartkowski's right knee originally was shredded in 1976. Dr. John Garrett, who performed the latest operation, removed a few bone chips and said there'd been no significant injury added to the old one. But Bartkowski experienced the pain of bone rubbing against bone in a joint where there is virtually no cartilage left.

For most of Bartkowski's career, that knee has been both the cause of his immobility, and the victim of his immobility.

The afternoon of November 18, if indeed it was Bartkowski's last, was fraught with symbolism. The 10 sacks by the Browns represented one for each of No. 10's years in the National Football League.

The Falcons' offensive line took the heat for the bad day, but the Browns themselves said, frankly, that Bartkowski was too easy a target and that no line could guarantee his safety.

"He takes three steps back, and he stands there. That's it," said Cleveland linebacker Chip Banks.

Two weeks earlier, Washington linebacker Mel Kaufman had observed of Bartkowski's lack of mobility, "You always know where to find Bart."

Cleveland tackle Dave Puzzuoli put Bartkowski down for the last time of '84. That was the 51st sack allowed by the Falcons this season, a league high. Bartkowski declined to condemn his offensive line, but he didn't put the blame solely on himself, either.

"I'll let you judge that," he said. "I'm not going to try to defend myself. I've given my heart and soul to the franchise for 10 years. I've tried to line up and do my job as well as I can. I'm a limited-ability guy. I'm not the greatest quarterback in the league."

Bartkowski has no contract for next season, and negotiations with the Falcons are at a standstill. But he emphasized that neither money nor his unsettled status would be the reason for a retirement.

His voice cracked as he repeated, "I certainly want to enjoy my boys. They're a great gift from God and if I weren't able to take them camping or wade in a stream or whatever, that would break my heart."

Falcon Flights: The front office, which earlier assured that Coach Dan Henning's job was secure, now was guaranteeing that only no coaching change would be made before the end of the season. . . . The Falcons have moaned all season about injuries, but an NFL survey of games missed by starters and other significant players showed that Atlanta was No. 16 on the list of teams most plagued by injuries this year.

ED HINTON

Vikes Plunge To New Lows

TWIN CITIES—Even though the Minnesota Vikings are on the way to the most losses in the club's 24-year history, Coach Les Steckel believes his program is right and General Manager Mike Lynn believes in his self-picked replacement for Bud Grant.

"I don't question what we're doing," Steckel said the day after a 42-21 loss to Denver. That came on the heels of a 45-17 trouncing by Green Bay and meant that the Vikings had given up more than 40 points in consecutive games.

"The scores have been embarrassing, but I'm not embarrassed with the approach we're taking or the attitude we have," Steckel said.

"I will say we are all very frustrated."

Several veteran players expressed that frustration after the game with the Broncos.

"In 11 years with this team, this is the lowest point we've had in terms of performance," linebacker Fred McNeill said.

"Teams right now are taking advantage of us," added fifth-year defensive lineman Doug Martin. "We've brought this on ourselves—coaches, players and management. We have a long way to go to get back to where we were—to establish ourselves like the Vikings of old. This is definitely not the Vikings people are used to. This is definitely not the Vikings I'm used to."

Yet the Vikings' fans, according to Lynn, do not have that same feeling. A private study conducted by a private consulting firm among 800 Minnesotans confirmed that for the general manager.

"The question we were interested in was whether people thought the losing streak was temporary or long term," Lynn said. "And 75 percent said they thought it was temporary."

Lynn said the survey also asked fans if they thought the Vikings would have a winning record next year. "That means 9-7 or better, and 81 percent of the public believed it would occur," he said.

Of course, fans in Minnesota are used to seeing the Vikings win, or at least being in playoff contention to the end.

"It takes time for things to jell whenever you get a new coach on board, especially when you get a coach who's never been a head coach before," Lynn said. "Sometimes it takes six weeks, eight weeks, 10 weeks, a whole season or a season and a half. And sometimes it never happens." Lynn did not say what he would do if the case were the latter.

Steckel, who has a three-year contract, believes that next year can only be better. But then, it could hardly be worse.

Consider:

- The loss to Denver that left the Vikings 3-9 marked their earliest exit from playoff contention since 1967, when they went 3-8-3 in Grant's first year as coach.
- They gave up 63 points over four consecutive quarters against the Packers and Broncos.
- The 87 points allowed in those two games were the most the Vikings ever have given up in successive weeks and marked the first time since 1965 that they have allowed 40 points or more in two straight games.
- If the Vikings finish with a 3-13 record (meaning 11 losses in the last 12 games), it would be the most losses in team history. Up to now, their worst season was the 2-11-1 mark in 1962.

"At this point, we just hope to end the season with some respectability and get some positive things going for next season," Steckel said.

Viking Vignettes: After scoring a meaningless touchdown on the last play of the blowout in Denver, rookie running back Allen Rice was asked why the pass-lateral play wasn't saved for a more meaningful time. Rice replied, "What are we going to save it for? We're not in a situation to try to save anything." ... The Vikings went 0-4 against AFC West teams this year. They were 4-0 against the AFC Central in 1983.

GREGG WONG



Tim Lewis Points Toward Pro Bowl

GREEN BAY—For Tim Lewis, right cornerback of the Green Bay Packers, making the Pro Bowl is a dream. His 99-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Los Angeles Rams, a club record, may have helped make his goal a reality.

Coach Forrest Gregg believes Lewis deserves to be selected for the National Conference squad in the January 27 game in Honolulu, and Lewis won't argue.

"It's a dream to be considered by your peers as one of the better players at your position," Lewis said. "It's one of the things you put up there and shoot for and hope that someday you can reach."

Lewis' six interceptions through 12 weeks tied him for the NFC lead with cornerbacks Vernon Dean of Washington and



Tim Lewis (left) has been intercepting passes and aiming for a Pro Bowl appearance.

Mark Haynes of the New York Giants.

Gregg, asked if Lewis was Pro Bowl material, said, "I think so. I think he's had a great year."

Gregg cautioned, "He still has some games to play. Let's don't make it over with right now. We want to give him some room to improve. Tim and Mark Lee (the Packers' left cornerback) are good cornerbacks. That's one of the things I was concerned with when I came here. I didn't know how good these kids could be."

"Ken Riley (Packers secondary coach) has done an outstanding job with them. Both are good coverage people and have good speed."

Lee stopped a drive by the Rams with an interception as the Packers won, 31-6. "And there's no question what Tim did for us," Gregg said. "He shut the door."

Like Gregg, Lewis believes his play can improve.

"There are a lot of things that I can do better," he said. "I didn't want to get beat by Steve Largent when we played Seat-

tle a few weeks ago, but I did."

Largent caught a 31-yard touchdown pass from Dave Krieg in the Seahawks' 30-24 victory over the Packers at Milwaukee County Stadium. That was Lewis' worst game of the season.

"I had to learn from that," Lewis said. "I know Largent is a good receiver. I have to give him some credit. He beat me for a touchdown. I just have to consider how I played him and work to keep it from happening again."

Lewis is feeling much better about his future than he did at this time last year. As the Packers' No. 1 draft choice in 1983, Lewis struggled for the first half of his rookie season before closing strong with five interceptions in the last seven games.

"I feel a lot more relaxed this year," Lewis said. "As time goes on and as you get more experience, it does help your confidence. You say to yourself, 'I don't want to give up any more touchdowns.'"

Lewis has set a 1984 goal of 10 interceptions, but his most

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important objective is to help the Packers' defense improve. In 1983, the Packers were last in the league in total defense. This season, they were 13th after 12 games.

In a four-game winning streak leading up to the Thanksgiving Day game at Detroit (a 31-28 loss that left the Packers at 5-8 and virtually ended their playoff hopes), the defense had allowed only three touchdowns.

"I can't say that I thought we would improve as much as we have," Lewis said. "The turnaround has been very encouraging."

Pack Facts: Tight end Gary Lewis, whose season ended October 6 when doctors discovered small blood clots in his lungs, recently spent some time at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. . . . Fullback Jessie Clark went on injured reserve with a torn muscle in his left arm that had to be surgically repaired. The Packers claimed halfback Jimmy Smith, a rookie who was cut by the Raiders, to replace Clark. . . . With Clark out, Gerry Ellis was moved from halfback to fullback, and Eddie Lee Ivey was the starter at halfback. Ellis had a 40-yard touchdown run against Detroit.

CHUCK SALITURO



On Defense, Bears Are Clearly the Best

CHICAGO—It's not that the Chicago Bears haven't noticed how National Football League rules make playing defense tantamount to playing tennis with a banjo. But while everybody else is feeling sorry for defenses, it's all the Bears can do to keep from pitying the poor saps with the ball.

"If they gave us back the downfield bump," says linebacker Al Harris, "I don't see how anybody could score."

Rather than go with the tide, which is depositing skeletons of once-proud NFL defenses in end zones, linebacker Otis Wilson says, "We're trying to start a new trend."

The Bears' defense certainly has separated itself from the mainstream. Through 12 weeks, it led the league in total defense by 41 yards. The lead has been so commanding all year that teams ranked third and 11th have been closer than the first and second. Although the Bears failed to score more than 17 points in four straight games, they won three of them.

The Bears have led the league in total defense all season. That simply wasn't supposed to happen. The NFL rule makers went to a lot of trouble to make it impossible for defenses to dominate anymore.

"I would say that's a true statement—it is difficult to dominate on defense unless you play it Buddy Ryan's way," says middle linebacker Mike Singletary.

Defensive coordinator Ryan's way is "to put pressure on everybody," he says. His 60 different coverages make it hard for the quarterback to make a quick read of the defense, so it takes him longer to decide which receiver is open. Even if the quarterback makes a quick read, most of those coverages are variations of man-to-man, so the receiver needs more time to get open. That gives the pass rush—anywhere from four to eight men—more time to get to the quarterback.

"Every time we take the field, our goal is one, two, three and out," Singletary says. The main reason the Bears can entertain such a lofty goal and other defenses cannot is the aggressive nature of Ryan's system.

"They're willing to take chances," fullback Matt Suhey says. They're not willing, as most defenses are, to lay back in zones and let a quarterback and receivers play catch in front of them.

"A lot of defenses tighten up when you get to the 20-yard line," cornerback Leslie Frazier says. "We don't want to let you get past your 20."

"Most offenses try to take it to the defense, hit them where they're weak. We pick on the offense where they're weak. If they're weak against the blitz, we blitz them. If they only have one good receiver, we double cover him and make them throw to someone else. We're not going to let them dictate what we do. We're going to try to make them change their game plan."

The Los Angeles Rams, for example, have a good defense, but it's one of those that bends back to the 20. "We're a lot different from the Bears," Coach John Robinson says. "We don't frighten you when we get off the bus. You don't hide the women and children."

The Bears send as many players as necessary to harass the passer. And their defensive linemen are so good that four is usually enough. Then, the defensive backs' ability in single coverage not only allows the Bears to blitz the passer, but also to commit eight players to stopping the run sometimes. And the offense can't be sure which eight.

And Singletary says, "I'm convinced we're not as good yet as we can be."

Bear Tracks: After Walter Payton's rushing average slipped from 125 yards per game in the first seven games to 73 in the next five, Coach Mike Ditka said he would use more passes and fullback plays to take advantage of defenses overplaying Payton. . . . He also said he would trim the team's play list, which included 17 runs for the Detroit game, to five or six. . . . Bob Thomas kicked three field goals against Detroit November 18 to equal his career high of 17 in a season. He's kicked six from beyond 40 yards.

KEVIN LAMB



Jeff Chadwick (left) has kept the Lions smiling with a good sophomore season.



Carter Hits Peak As Bucs' Receiver

TAMPA—Wide receiver Gerald Carter is not the most talkative guy on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He speaks so softly you often have to strain to hear the words. Basically, he prefers to do his job and dodge the media spotlight.

But the glare of attention is pressing hard on the fifth-year Buc. That's because Carter is dodging defenders with aplomb and doing his job better than ever.

He's matured into a dangerous complement to Tampa Bay's better-known wide receiving threat, Kevin House. Carter's performance in San Francisco on November 18 certainly forced the 49ers to take notice.

The 6-1, 195-pounder from Bryan, Tex., caught nine passes for 166 yards and one touchdown as San Francisco held on for a 24-17 triumph. In addition, his first-half receptions of 43 and 44 yards set up a field goal and the other Buc touchdown.

"It was my best day ever, but everybody was worried about Kevin, so I was freed up," he said.

That seemed to be precisely the case. House is regarded as the team's primary pass-catching weapon. He often teamed up with former Bucs quarterback Doug Williams for long gains. This season, he's become a major mid-range force with new quarterback Steve DeBerg.

The week before the 49ers game, House caught four second-half passes for 89 yards. Catches of 42 and 26 yards keyed a pair of touchdown drives, as the Bucs wiped out a 10-3 deficit and beat the New York Giants, 20-17. So it was no surprise to see House draw double coverage from San Francisco.

The 49ers had their own problems from the start. All-Pro defensive back Ronnie Lott, recently switched from cornerback to free safety, suffered a separated shoulder on the first play of the game while making a hit on tailback James Wilder.

That forced Dwight Hicks to switch back from corner to his old free safety slot. Mario Clark went in at the left corner—and became an immediate target of the DeBerg-to-Carter connection.

"Not having Lott hurt them," Carter said. "But we didn't really do anything differently after he came out."

Carter just kept doing what he's done throughout 1984, running disciplined routes and coming up with the ball. One month earlier, he tied a club record for wide receivers with 10 catches. And after 12 games, he ranked third on the team with 51 receptions, behind House with 55 and Wilder with 53.

Carter is glad to be a part of the overall progression, and just as pleased with his own improvement. A ninth-round draft pick in 1980 from Texas A&M, he saw virtually no action on two teams.

The Bucs placed him on waivers in training camp, hoping to sneak him through unnoticed and reclaim him before the season opener. But the New York Jets intercepted Carter. The

small-town Texan didn't care for New York and the Jets waived him after four weeks. Tampa Bay immediately resigned him.

In 1981, he was still a bit performer, but his output increased to 10 catches for 140 yards in the strike-shortened season of 1982. Last year, alternating with Theo Bell, he blossomed with 48 catches for 694.

Now Carter is a regular part of Tampa Bay's revamped passing game. But he still prefers to steer clear of publicity. And he says he wouldn't mind if opponents continue taking him lightly. "They can disregard me completely," he said with a smile. "That would be just fine."

Buc Stoppers: Coach John McKay, who'll leave coaching to become Bucs president after the season, says he plans to take a number of scouting trips. He'll also play a big role in player personnel. Regarding the 1985 draft, McKay says the team's top priority will be defense—with emphasis on the line and secondary. . . . Through 12 games, tailback James Wilder had combined for over 100 yards in rushing and receiving nine times.

All-Pro linebacker Hugh Green will be eligible to return to the Bucs December 2, in time for a game at Green Bay. He hasn't seen action since his October 3 car accident. . . . It looks as if the Bucs will part with a second-round draft pick for quarterback DeBerg. Tampa Bay obtained him last April for a conditional 1985 pick, and he'll see enough action to make the choice a No. 2.

DAVE SCHEIBER



Chadwick Beating Sophomore Jinx

DETROIT—Jeff Chadwick, who came from obscurity to earn a place of prominence in the Detroit Lions' offense as a rookie in 1983, has proven that his initial season was not a fluke.

Chadwick, from Grand Valley State, made the Lions' roster as a free agent. He tied Willie Gault, the Chicago Bears' first-round draft choice and a world-class hurdler at Tennessee, for most receptions by a rookie. Each had 40.

Chadwick has had some physical problems in the Lions' woe-lful 1984 season, and he has gotten more attention from defensive backs than he did as an unheralded rookie. But he has beaten the sophomore jinx.

"That was a big issue coming into this year," Chadwick admitted. "I never wanted to let it affect me. The reason there can be a sophomore jinx is because people know of you. They know your talent and your capabilities."

After 13 games, Chadwick wasn't quite in step with last year's production. He had 26 catches and three touchdowns, one of them on a reverse against San Diego.

Chadwick was slowed in midseason by a bruised left knee that cut into his playing time. But soon after recovering, he was starting in place of Mark Nichols, who became a part-time performer because of a toe injury.

Chadwick has been more concerned about the different coverages he has received than about his knee.

"They have one guy in front playing bump and run inside and a guy deep taking away the outside," he said. "It makes it harder to get open. Nobody should be able to cover you with single coverage."

Chadwick got more single coverage last season. Cornerbacks figured they could stop the slender rookie without help. But Chadwick has deceptive speed and is able to cut without breaking stride. Defenders this season have been trying to jam him at the line.

As a rookie, Chadwick made his mark as the Lions' third receiver in passing situations. He caught 25 passes in the last eight regular-season games and six more in a playoff loss at San Francisco.

When Leonard Thompson suffered a broken jaw that sidelined him for the last three games, Chadwick got more playing time.

"I got to start three games in a row," he said. "That's when I got most of my catches. You can't just catch balls on third down in the spread. We're not doing as much of that this year. We're moving the ball better."

"It seems to me we haven't been running the spread as much. Our goal this year was to not be put in those third-down-and-long-yardage situations."

Lions' Den: Chadwick isn't the only former Grand Valley player contributing to the Lions' offense. Rob Rubick took over at tight end for rookie David Lewis, the Lions' No. 1 draft choice, November 4 against Philadelphia. Rubick was a 12th-round draft choice in 1982. . . . Larry Lee has been a handyman for the Lions. When rookie David Jones got hurt, Lee snapped on punts and placekicks. He has played both left guard and center because of injuries to starters. . . . Coach Monte Clark castigated punter Mike Black after the Lions' 16-14 loss to the Bears. Black's last punt went only 26 yards, giving Chicago the ball at Detroit's 47, from where the Bears drove for the winning field goal with two seconds left. Clark apparently didn't realize that Black was punting into a stiff wind because of decisions he, Clark, had made. Clark elected to kick off to start the game and to have the wind at the Lions' back in the third quarter.

MIKE O'HARA

Bills' Victory A Bell Ringer

BUFFALO—If the Buffalo Bills have done anything right in 1984, it was their decision to draft Notre Dame running back Greg Bell despite his injury-ridden college career.

In Buffalo's 14-3 upset of the Dallas Cowboys, ending a 13-game losing streak, Bell enjoyed the second-best day any running back ever has had against the Cowboys. He gained 206 yards in 27 carries.

Bell's 85-yard touchdown run on the game's first play gave the Bills the lead and an emotional charge. Later, he caught a three-yard touchdown pass, after setting up the score with a 27-yard run. He also had a 38-yard run as he pushed his total over the 200 mark. Only Jim Brown, with 232 yards in a 1963 game, ever had run for 200 yards against Dallas.

The Bills drafted Bell as a replacement for Joe Cribbs, whom they lost to the USFL. The 210-pounder is not yet the accomplished all-round back Cribbs was, but here is one interesting statistic:

After 12 games, Bell had 852 yards rushing in 185 carries. That's more than Cribbs (195 carries, 784 yards) had at the same juncture a year ago.

Of course, Bell's 27 receptions for 226 yards and one touchdown isn't close to Cribbs' 45 receptions for 411 yards and seven touchdowns at the same stage in 1983. Although Bell appears to be an excellent receiver, he has not been used extensively in passing situations.

Despite his history of injuries at Notre Dame, Bell has been a durable performer in the NFL. Against the Cowboys, he took a licking and kept on ticking. Aside from his three breakaway runs, he pounded into the Dallas defense 24 times for hard-earned short yardage.

Bell also has been a reliable ball-handler. He has fumbled only four times, losing two.

His 85-yard run was the longest ever against the Cowboys. "When I was a kid, I made a lot of runs like that, but that wasn't the NFL," Bell said.

The fact that Bell is closing in on a 1,000-yard season is remarkable when you consider he carried only 27 times for 77 yards the first four games of the season.

The victory over Dallas may not be enough to save the jobs of Coach Kay Stephenson and his staff, but Bell views it as a point of departure for the Bills. "It helped us build a little respect and showed that when we play without errors and penalties, we can win," he said.

Beating Dallas meant something else to Bell. He won't have to defer to Ron Springs, Everson Walls and Tony Dorsett, his "good friends" on the Cowboys.

"Now, when I talk to them I can say, 'Maybe next year,'" Bell said with a grin.

Bill Board: Rookie punter John Kidd is making a serious drive for Pro Bowl consideration. He was averaging 43.5 yards a kick. Kidd outkicked opposing punters in both gross and net average in nine of the Bills' first 12 games. . . . Opposing field goal kickers had hit 12 in a row against Buffalo until Dallas' Rafael Septien was short with a 47-yard effort.

Making his first start in six NFL seasons, left guard Tim Vogler found himself opposite All-Pro defensive tackle Randy White. Vogler had a key block on White to spring Bell on his 85-yard touchdown run, and White did not have a quarterback sack all game. . . . After missing the first 11 games with injury, wide receiver Mike Mosley finally got into action against Dallas. . . . The crowd of 74,391 for the Dallas game raised Buffalo's average to 48,401, still the lowest since 1978.

MILT NORTHROP



Stark Loves His Job As Expert Punter

INDIANAPOLIS—The virtuoso of contact with the Indianapolis Colts practices by himself and does his thing six times a game.

Rohn Stark likes his job as punter for the Indianapolis Colts. At 6-3, 200 pounds, and with 4.6 speed in the 40, Stark could have played any number of positions for Bobby Bowden at Florida State. He wouldn't even try it as a wide receiver. Punting is just fine, thank you.

"Why risk injury?" Stark said. "I'm satisfied punting just as long as I'm doing a good job. The fact that I'm playing on a National Football League team says I'm one of the best in the country."

Make that the best after 11 weeks of the 1984 season. His average yardage slipped to 45.4 after an ankle injury. A fluke he is not. He was named All-Pro in 1983 and was a two-time All-America at Florida State.

"He's got a number of exceptional qualities," Colts special teams coach Mike Westhoff said. "He's got tremendous flexibility and power. He's got tremendous extension in his leg. Rohn

has enough ability and poise to handle a bad snap and short-leg it 40 yards or more."

It isn't as if punting has been the only venture in this man's life. He was an All-American decathlete at Florida State who appeared destined for the 1980 Olympics. That quest was blocked by President Jimmy Carter's boycott.

"It turned a lot of people off," Stark said. "A lot of athletes who loved track and worked all their lives to get into the Olympics couldn't go. What it comes down to is doing it for fun."

Stark began punting as a 5-year-old on a flag football team in Minneapolis. He punted while in the eighth grade for Pine River High School. A mere 12 at the time, Stark finished second in the punt, pass and kick competition at halftime of a Minnesota Vikings-Los Angeles Rams game.

"I choked on the pass," Stark said. "If I had won, I would have gone to the Super Bowl."

Choking is an unlikely prospect for Stark. He is a portrait of concentration, blasting kick after kick into a net during a game, and chasing down his own punts during practice. It all comes down to repetition.

"You just have to make sure you are in a groove," Stark said. "That's why I kick into the net every time we have the ball. I can usually tell ahead of time when I'm going to get off a good one."

A frequent sight, to be sure. Adrenaline also helps. During the Colts-Miami Dolphins game, Miami punter Reggie Roby blasted a 66-yard punt into the wind. Stark responded with a 72-yard blast.

"It's a myth that it all comes from the leg," Stark said. "You have to get in that groove, and that includes your hips, your butt and your extension. I can take a guy who can leg-press 600-700 pounds and he won't be able to kick a ball more than 30 yards without those other factors."

Colts Corral: The 50-17 loss to the New England Patriots occurred on the fifth anniversary of the Colts' 50-21 loss to the Pats in 1979. Ironically, the victory made the Patriots 8-4 and the Colts 4-8 in both years. . . . Through 10 games, the Colts' defense had 14 quarterback sacks. The next two weeks, as nose tackle Leo Wisniewski led the charge with five, the Colts totaled 12 sacks.

MIKE KAHN



McNeil Sure Works Hard for the Money

NEW YORK—It does hurt when Freeman McNeil laughs.

"Ever try to put a jigsaw puzzle of about 4,000 pieces together in one night?" the New York Jets' battered running back asked. "That's how I feel right now. I am beat. Mentally and physically, I'm playing on my reserve tank."

Loose cartilage on the left side of McNeil's rib cage makes every twist and pivot painful. He wrecked his left thumb against Houston when he tried to brace himself "a certain way and got a few hundred pounds on it." His elbow often is the size of an orange.

McNeil plays a debilitating position, of course, but his wriggling style arouses headhunters and may account for his health record in the NFL. In four years he has yet to play a complete 16-game season, and this year he already has sat out two games and parts of two others with rib injuries.

That and the truncation of the 1982 season, in which he led the AFC with 786 yards, are the only explanations for his never having rushed for 1,000 yards in a season.

While other backs aren't immune from the pounding, they usually take only one clean shot on each carry. McNeil, though, is a punching bag.

"If Freeman ever stops wriggling, if he ever stops going for that extra yard, I'll strangle him," said right tackle Marvin Powell, who had just watched McNeil scrape himself off the AstroDome turf in a gutty 20-carry, 69-yard effort against the Oilers. "I think Joe (Coach Joe Walton) was very concerned about his health, but Freeman told him, 'Just put me out there.'"

"I was convincing myself every time I got tackled to run that next play even harder," McNeil said.

Despite the injuries, McNeil has been battling San Diego's Earnest Jackson for the AFC rushing title. And with four games remaining, he needed only 94 yards to surpass John Riggins' single-season club record of 1,005 yards. But what about his body?

"I have enough heart to go out and play," McNeil said. "It gets hard sometimes, but I feel I'm a professional. I'm lucky even to get a job like this. There's not too many men my age that make the type of money I make."

"I can make the sacrifice. I'm willing to. I have a lot of pride in myself and the willingness to do the job. That's why I can go out there and play, hurt or not. It means a lot to me."

McNeil doesn't take painkillers. "I just accept it," he said.

But it was hard to accept four consecutive losses after a 6-2 start. McNeil, who certainly has laid his body and soul on the line, does not compare his effort with his teammates'.

"You'd have to talk to each and every individual to see what's going on," he said. "I refuse to give up. I don't care what the odds are. I'm not a quitter."

After a 31-17 loss to Miami, the Jets were upset by the Colts

and the Oilers to drop to 6-6. But McNeil disputes speculation that the Jets were emotionally flat after the Miami loss.

"We have to do it week in and week out," he said. **Jetstream:** Mark Gastineau won't be going to jail because of his misdemeanor assault conviction, but he will do 15 weeks of community service at Rikers Island prison. He will demonstrate football techniques to young offenders. Manhattan Judge Alan Marrus could have sentenced Gastineau to a year in jail and fined him \$1,000 for his part in a 1983 Studio 54 brawl in which a man suffered a broken nose. But the judge said he never considered a jail term for the first-offender and that fining Gastineau \$1,000 would be like taking a drop of water from the Atlantic Ocean. Gastineau makes \$750,000 a year. . . . In their four-game losing streak, the Jets were outgained by an average of 369.5 yards per game to 267. They allowed 18 sacks while sacking opposing quarterbacks only eight times.

PETER FINNEY JR.



Eason and Ramsey A Dynamic Duo

FOXBORO, Mass.—They haven't been playing together long enough to gain a nickname or much of a reputation, but it is beginning to appear that the New England Patriots' combination of Tony Eason to Derrick Ramsey is no passing fancy.

In the season's first 2½ games, Eason was spending his time on the sidelines and Ramsey was wondering when Steve Grogan, then quarterbacking the Patriots, was going to notice him in the pass patterns.

Ramsey, the H-back in New England's one-back offense, had just seven receptions for 83 yards and one touchdown. It seemed fair to conclude that Ramsey was not on his way to the 100 catches his coaches had predicted for him.

"It didn't seem like Steve was seeing me," Ramsey said. "The offense was new and he wasn't used to looking for someone like me underneath those zone defenses."

Ramsey's despair ended quickly when Eason, who had become one of Ramsey's closest friends in New England, replaced Grogan just before halftime against the Seattle Seahawks in the season's third game.

Eason threw to Ramsey only twice that afternoon as the Patriots rallied from a 23-0 deficit to win, 38-23. In the next 10 weeks, though, he completed 46 passes to Ramsey, leaving the H-back at 55 receptions with three games to play.

While Ramsey was far short of 100 receptions, he was only three short of the club record of 58 catches in a season, set in 1983 by Stanley Morgan.

In New England's 50-17 rout of the Indianapolis Colts, Eason connected with Ramsey on eight passes—three of which went for first-half touchdowns.

More than anything, the game against the Colts accented the potential of the Eason-to-Ramsey combination.

"Derrick is very efficient against a zone because he's a big, quick athlete," Eason explained. "He finds open lanes and alleys and uses them."

"Any time a defense tries to take away our deep receivers, as the Colts tried to do, I know Derrick is there in the middle."

Added Ramsey, who was a quarterback at Kentucky, "I could see what they were giving us and I told Tony what we had. But you have to remember everyone is coming back telling the quarterback they're open."

Eason explained why he threw repeatedly to Ramsey. "I thought we spread the ball out as far as short and intermediate goes," Eason said. "But they didn't change up much until the second half so we kept going to Derrick."

"He's a great receiver in that he's a big target and he moves people around. And the ones he doesn't move around, he runs over."

Ramsey's touchdown catch in the Patriots' 20-17 loss to Dallas on Thanksgiving Day gave him a team-leading seven TDs for the season. He had gained 634 yards on his 55 receptions.

Pats Patter: Eason was sacked 10 times, most ever given up by the Patriots, in the loss to Dallas. To prepare the Patriots for that game, Coach Raymond Berry called Forrest Gregg, coach of the Green Bay Packers, to ask how one handles his team in a three-day work week. The Packers were playing the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving and Berry remembered the Green Bay-Detroit games on Turkey Day back in Gregg's playing days. . . . Center Pete Brock continues to play on a badly battered knee that will require arthroscopic surgery once the season is over.

RON BORGES

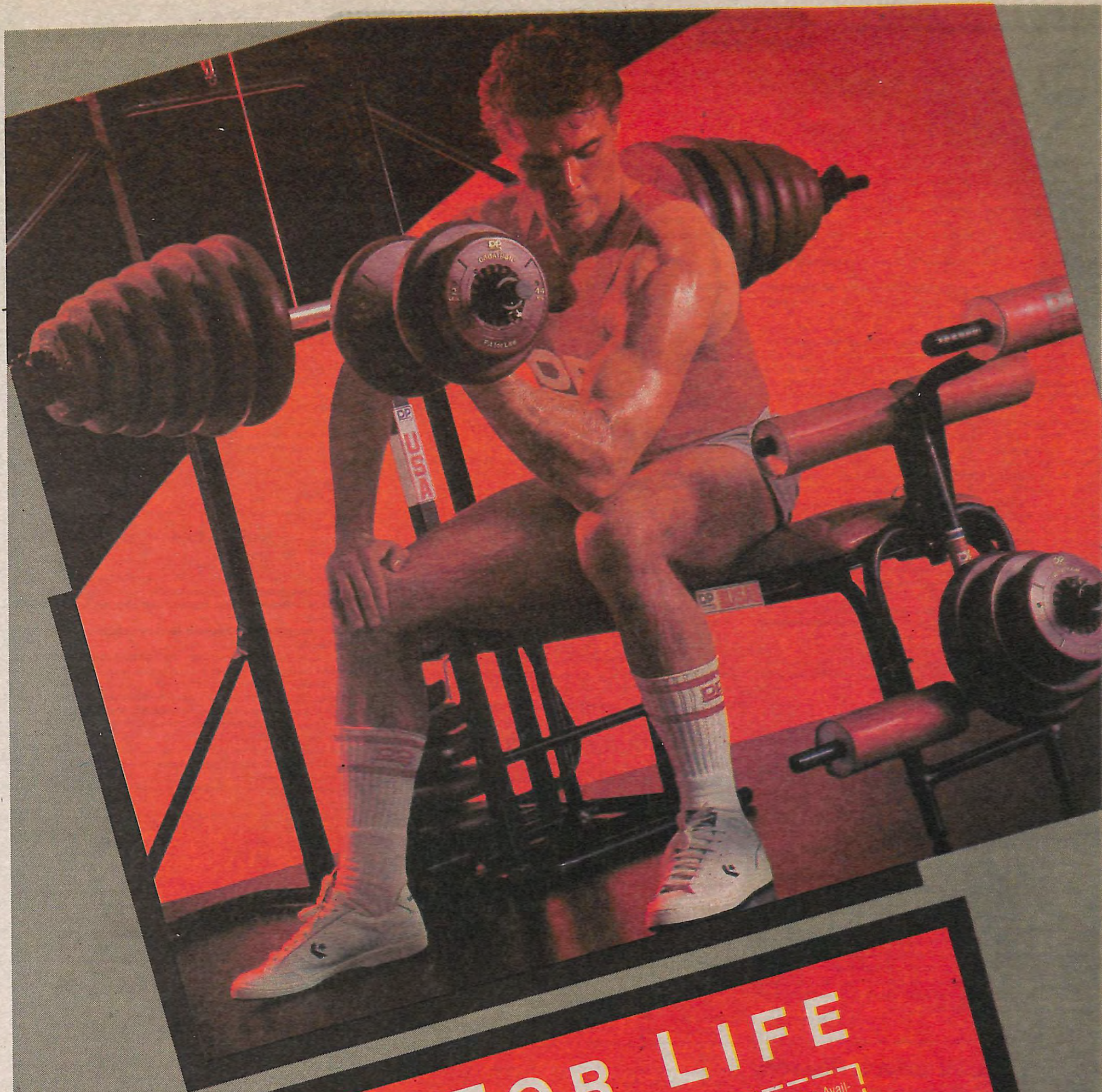


A. J. Duhe Is Baffled By Dolphins' Slide

MIAMI—For A.J. Duhe, the Miami Dolphins' 34-28 overtime loss to the San Diego Chargers "was like death." And its sting was very real.

The veteran linebacker and his teammates just sat looking at one another in disbelief, incredulous that the Chargers had

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QB Campbell A Rookie Find

PITTSBURGH—A 27-24 loss to the New Orleans Saints was indicative of the Pittsburgh Steelers' season. Once again, they let an apparent victory slip away in the final minutes. And again, they were encouraged by the performance of a rookie.

Three times this season, trailing teams rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Steelers. Had they maintained those leads, the Steelers could have clinched the division championship with a month left in the season.

At least the Steelers still led their division, though with a 6-6 record. The play of their rookies was another consolation.

Quarterback Scott Campbell, a seventh-round pick from Purdue, is the latest rookie contributor. When starting quarterback Mark Malone received a mild concussion in the fourth quarter against the Saints, Campbell came off the bench to complete six of nine passes for 83 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown toss to another rookie, wide receiver Louis Lipps.

"I have great confidence in Campbell," said offensive coordinator Tom Moore. "He knows the system, he's very intelligent. Against the Saints, he got in a crucial situation and did an excellent job."

Coach Chuck Noll said, "I was pleased with the way he moved the team. I wouldn't be afraid to start him."

The Steelers expressed the same confidence in Campbell in the preseason. They indicated from the outset that they would keep three quarterbacks — David Woodley, Malone and Campbell.

Campbell watched as Woodley and Malone competed for the starting job in the preseason. Woodley won the job, then lost it at midseason when he was injured against the Indianapolis Colts.

Woodley was still hobbled by a severely bruised lower leg when Malone went down. Campbell, who had thrown only two passes as a pro, excelled in the emergency.

"You don't expect anything like this, but when you're the second-team quarterback, you know it can happen," said Campbell, who ranks second in Big Ten history with 7,636 yards passing. "I feel I can meet the challenge. I'm not a college player anymore."

Campbell was one of a dozen Steelers rookies who played against the Saints. Seven rookies have started at least two games.

Lipps, who has alternated with fellow rookie Weegie Thompson, was the major contributor. In addition to his touchdown catch, Lipps also returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. He totaled 126 yards on four punt returns and caught four passes for 86 yards.

Curtain Calls: Cornerback Dwayne Woodruff and tight end Bennie Cunningham have signed three-year contracts that will run through 1986. Both starters could have become free agents at the end of the season. Woodruff intercepted two passes and broke up five others against the Saints. Cunningham has spent much of the season on injured reserve with a pulled muscle in his hip.

John Stallworth caught the 52nd touchdown pass of his career against the Saints to break former teammate Lynn Swann's team record. Stallworth had already surpassed Swann as the all-time leader in receptions and receiving yardage. . . . Walter Abercrombie, who lost his starting job to rookie Rich Erenberg early in the season, returned to the starting lineup against the Saints. He responded with his best game of the season—63 yards on 11 carries.

JOHN ADAMS



Matthews Is Muscle Of Browns' Defense

CLEVELAND—Among the Cleveland Browns' linebackers, the heart and soul of the team's defense, Tom Cousineau makes the most money and Chip Banks has the most honors, having made the Pro Bowl in each of his first two seasons in the NFL. It is Clay Matthews, however, who is the meanest and the best of the lot.

"I think when it's all said and done, he'll have a career similar to Jack Ham's," Coach Marty Schottenheimer recently said of Matthews.

Matthews' performance in a 23-7 victory over Atlanta, a game in which the Browns had 11 sacks, supported that bold statement. The 6-2, 235-pound Matthews, the right outside linebacker in a 3-4 defense, had 11 tackles and 3½ sacks, the most by a Brown since tackle Jerry Sherk had 3½ against Dallas in 1979.

Matthews was the club leader in sacks with 10 after the Atlanta game. End Bill Glass holds the club record with 14½ sacks in 1965.

Unlike Cousineau, who uses finesse, or Banks, who relies on

quickness, Matthews is a power player. He is the only Browns' linebacker who has the bent for hurling a blocker aside or running over him in order to get to the quarterback.

"In essence," Matthews said, "we're almost playing a 4-3, although we give you a 3-4 look. Most of the time, we have four people rushing (Matthews and the three down linemen) and three covering. We do that on the other side sometimes with Chip, so the offense never knows which of the two outside linebackers is coming."

Matthews has shaggy blond hair, deep-set eyes and a wide, thin mouth. His features give him the look of a wild man, and a superb upper body enables him to play like one.

Against the Falcons, Matthews' play seemed to affect everyone on the defense. Eight different players had at least one sack.

Suddenly, a team never noted for its pass rush had guys swooping down on Falcons quarterback Steve Bartkowski, who had to be taken off the field in a wheelchair when he reinjured his right knee after being sacked for the 10th time in the fourth quarter. The Browns dumped his replacement, Mike Moroski, once.

Dallas, in 1966, and St. Louis, in 1980, hold the NFL record for most sacks in a game with 12.

"Good plays come in leaps and bounds. When they come, they just come," Matthews said. "A good example is the Denver Broncos' defense. They've scored a lot by forcing turnovers. We've had just a few."

Matthews said there were two reasons why the Browns went berserk.

"Number one, we had good coverage in the secondary. As a result, the quarterback had to hold the ball for an extra count, and that helped our cause," Matthews said.

"Number two, we nullified their running game early on and forced them to go with the pass in obvious situations."

Brownie Points: Schottenheimer, who replaced Sam Rutigliano as head coach after the October 21 game against Cincinnati, continues to make subtle changes to give the team a more diversified look. In the first quarter of the Atlanta game, punter Steve Cox passed for a first down. "Ricky Feacher should get hazard pay for the catch he made," Schottenheimer said. The pass gained 16 yards, which wasn't much farther than Feacher had to leap in order to catch the wobbly pass. . . . With 30 carries for 121 yards against the Falcons, second-year man Boyce Green surpassed Mike Pruitt as the club's leading rusher. Green had 143 carries for 482 yards, a 3.4-yard average. Pruitt, out after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, had 141 carries for 439 yards, a 3.1-yard average.

ED MEYER



Oilers' EEG Shows Traces of Activity

HOUSTON—For the first 10 weeks of the season, the Houston Oilers offered a more effective cure for insomnia than anything available in a drugstore.

Then the Oilers won two consecutive games for the first time since the early part of the 1981 season. They beat the Chiefs, 17-16, and the Jets, 31-20.

Going into the Kansas City game, the Oilers had lost their first 10 games and 32 of 35, including 23 in succession on the road. They had scored fewer points and allowed more than any team in the NFL. Many observers were saying that Coach Hugh Campbell and quarterback Warren Moon would be better off in Canadian snowstorms than in Columbia blue.

"When everybody's shooting at you, it takes a lot for the coaches to stick to their guns and stay with what we believe in," Campbell said after the breakthroughs. "I think the lack of panic is the main thing. No one exploded when we were 0-10. As coaches, we tried to be straight with the team as to where we were coming up short and what we needed to do to get better."

For whatever reason, the Oilers were able to establish a running game for the first time this season. Larry Moriarty rushed for 115 yards against the Chiefs and 138 against the Jets. Moon hit 39 of 54 passes for 387 yards and four touchdowns. He did not suffer an interception.

"The players have had more time to play together," Campbell explained. "They're playing together better. They know what the coaches want. The offense is more synchronized. So is the defense. And the confidence level has risen."

"The line has done a better job of blocking. You expect the line to be better than a month ago. Although Dean Steinkuhler was a significant loss (the right tackle is out with a knee injury), it wasn't felt as much as it could have been since we already had (center) Jim Romano, and Bruce Matthews has filled in nicely at right tackle."

Not only has the line done a better job of run blocking, but the pass protection has also improved. As a result, Moon has become much more effective.

"Although it was never said, and maybe even never thought, I think Warren had to prove himself to the players, and they had to prove themselves to him," Campbell said. "The players have more confidence in Warren, and he has more confidence in them. That just comes with experience."

The players said the coaches were doing a better job, but

Campbell said he and his staff hadn't made any radical moves.

"We didn't make big changes when things were going so bad," Campbell said. "We stuck with what we were doing. We haven't changed our approach or techniques, but we have added some things and eliminated some others."

"As coaches, we have a better understanding of what the capabilities of the players are. For instance, a couple of months ago, we might have asked a player to do something, but we didn't know he couldn't do it. Now we're not asking him to do it."

"The players know us better, and we know them better. They don't have that fear of failure they had earlier because they know how we'll react. Since most of the coaches are new, at first the players didn't know what the consequences would be if they made a mistake. They wondered if they would get cut or traded. Now they know how we'll react when the stuff hits the fan."

Gushers: Sports Illustrated quoted an unnamed Oiler as saying that the coaches were under tremendous pressure because General Manager Ladd Herzog was interfering with Campbell's control of the team. Herzog, who was said to have told Campbell to fire certain assistants and to have urged offensive coordinator Kay Dalton to put more "razzle-dazzle" in the game plan, had been criticized the week before by guard John Schuhmacher, to whom SI attributed unflattering words on another matter. "I'm not going to play 20 questions," Campbell said, "because that would only add to the controversy. But Ladd and I have the same bottom line in that we both want to win. There have been some things we disagreed on, but there have been a lot more things that we have agreed on."

JOHN McCLAIN



Bengals' Salvation: Feckless Brethren

CINCINNATI—Incredibly, the Cincinnati Bengals entered the last four games of the season with a shot, albeit a long one, at the playoffs. Incredible because the Bengals had won only four games.

And you thought the National Hockey League playoff system was liberal.

"Four games left, two games out," mused quarterback Turk Schonert before the Bengals played Atlanta on November 25. "It could be worse."

Instead of playing for the future, which most 4-8 teams do in the last quarter of the season, the Bengals were trying to resurrect the present. After Pittsburgh's 27-24 loss to New Orleans, Cincinnati stood two games behind the AFC Central Division leaders and had the more favorable schedule down the stretch.

Pittsburgh still had to play resurgent San Diego and the ornery Raiders, while the Bengals were to face Atlanta, Cleveland, New Orleans and Buffalo, none of which had a winning record.

And the Bengals had the advantage in the tiebreaker if both teams finished 8-8 or 7-9. The Bengals were 4-1 in division play and the Steelers 2-2 entering the final three weeks.

Cincinnati was 0-7 outside its division. AFC Central teams were 15-33 (.313) after 12 weeks, 8-26 (.235) in non-division games.

"It's not out of the realm of possibility," Coach Sam Wyche said of the Bengals' chances of making the playoffs. "We've got to win four, Pittsburgh has to lose two. We are somewhat at the mercy of their opponents."

But the Bengals were alive, and Wyche was thankful. He called New Orleans' victory over Pittsburgh "a fixer" for his club.

"Every time we think we've stumbled for a moment, somebody hands us a crutch," he said.

Cincinnati actually played some good football after an 0-5 start—until, that is, a five-turnover horror show in the snow and sleet at Riverfront Stadium on November 18. The Seahawks drubbed the Bengals, 26-6.

With Pittsburgh still in range, the Bengals put off plans to make wholesale lineup changes. They would have to wait to evaluate such young and promising players as quarterback Boomer Esiason, defensive lineman Pete Koch and running back Stanford Jennings.

"You'll see a few changes," said Wyche, "but no matter what happens, we're going to try to win every one of our games."

Bengal Bites: Ken Anderson, knocked out of his fourth consecutive game against the Steelers with a separated shoulder on November 11, said he hasn't decided whether this season will be his last. "Right now, I haven't decided I'm going to retire. I certainly have no plans to do so," said Anderson, whose wife, Bonnie, is clearly worried by the injuries he has suffered over the last two seasons. "There are so many people who are genuinely concerned about his health," Mrs. Anderson said. "Will he be OK when he's done with football? Is the price too high? I worry. What will he be like at 50?" . . . Unless they trade picks for players, the Bengals probably will have three of the top 40 choices in the next draft. Are trades possible? "It's premature to discuss it," said assistant general manager Mike Brown. The Bengals probably will go heavy on wide receivers, what with Cris Collinsworth's almost certain defection to the USFL and Isaac Curtis now 34.

PETER KING

Year of Firsts For Seahawks

SEATTLE—A bit of history was made November 18 when the Seattle Seahawks beat Cincinnati, 26-6, at Riverfront Stadium. It was Seattle's first victory over the Bengals in four games; it left the Seahawks with a 10-2 record, the most regular-season wins ever for the franchise, and it tied the club record of four road wins in a season.

But the string of "firsts" didn't generate headlines in Northwest papers as they might have a couple of years ago. For the Seahawks, this has been a year of firsts.

After 12 weeks, here are some of the firsts recorded by Coach Chuck Knox's team:

- Winning the opening game of the season.
- Winning the first two games of the season.
- A winning record after eight weeks.
- Three shutouts in a season and two shutouts in a row.
- Six consecutive victories.
- Winning a game after appearing on "Monday Night Football." The Seahawks were 0-4 before this year, but they won twice after Monday night games this season.
- A regular-season sweep of San Diego.
- Attracting the largest crowd for a football game in Kingdome history (64,001 against the Raiders).
- Four interceptions for touchdowns in a single game (also an NFL record).
- Team records for sacks and interceptions.

With four weeks to go, the Seahawks had several other records in sight. For one, the Opportunity Knox defense had 55 takeaways after 12 weeks, 13 short of the record of 68 established by Denver in 1961.

But the big goal was a division title, something this franchise had never come close to reaching. If the Seahawks get there, it probably won't be a surprise to General Manager Mike McCormack.

"You have to say everything we've been able to accomplish goes back to Chuck," McCormack said. "In training camp we thought we would be a better team, better than 9-7 (last year's record), but after Curt (Warner) went down, all of a sudden we started struggling. Looking back, maybe that had a sobering effect, maybe it made everyone work a little harder."

McCormack compares Knox with Paul Brown, George Allen and Vince Lombardi, three other coaching successes he worked or played for.

"All of them had the belief in their system, that they'd be successful if they stuck with what they believed in, but with Chuck, it's almost an obsession," McCormack said. "He does not vary. He's going to do it his way and his way has worked everywhere he's been."

Knox is the only coach in NFL history to take three different teams (Los Angeles Rams, Buffalo Bills and Seahawks) to the playoffs. Most of his assistants have a longtime association with Knox. Offensive coordinator Ray Prochaska and defensive coordinator Tom Catlin have been with him for 12 years.

"You'd almost have to be on a staff to understand how important that is," McCormack said. "On almost every other staff, there's a certain amount of jostling, of trying to get the head coach's ear on an idea you might have. There's a pride of authorship that goes into having your idea implemented. When you don't get that, there can be some bruised feelings. Here, there's none of that. Zero. Everyone knows the system works and everything said and done is in the direction of moving forward—subtle refinements and things like that."

Seahawk Talk: Through 12 games, the Seattle defense and special teams had either scored touchdowns or set up drives that ended in 168 points, an average of 14 points per game. . . . Strong safety Ken Easley and cornerback Dave Brown were first and second, respectively, in the NFL in interceptions. Easley had eight, Brown seven. . . . The Seahawks were leading the AFC in sacks with 48 and the front three of Jacob Green, Jeff Bryant (11½ each) and Joe Nash (7) were warming to the nickname Joy of Sacks. Veteran Mike Fanning, who becomes the fourth rusher in pass situations, had seven sacks.

BART WRIGHT



Elway: It's Time For Some Respect

DENVER—A month ago it was Lester Hayes. "The Denver Broncos," he said, "must carry lucky rabbits' feet in their jocks." He said that after the Broncos beat the Los Angeles Raiders for the second time this season, that 22-19 overtime victory.

A week later, it was Steve Nelson. "They're not a 9-1 team," said the Patriots linebacker. "They're not that good. I'd like to play them again next week." He said that after the Broncos had pulled out a 26-19 victory.

Nothing was said after the Broncos' 16-13 triumph at San Diego. But the following week, it was Minnesota quarterback

Tommy Kramer singing that same old song. "They're not that good a football team," said Kramer. "They're no better than any team we've played this year. You tell it like you see it. I just said they were very fortunate in some of the ways they had won."

Kramer's mistake, however, was in saying that before the Vikings met the Broncos. John Elway, for one, had heard enough. He responded with five touchdown passes as the Broncos crushed the Vikings, 42-21, and raised their record to 11-1.

"We should have scored 80," Elway said, "and we could have."

The score was 42-7 early in the third quarter. Elway completed 16 of 19 passes, and threw TD passes on four consecutive possessions. He had no interceptions and his quarterback rating was 153.7. The five TD passes tied a club record that dates back to 1962, when Frank Tripucka threw five scoring passes for the Broncos in the old American Football League.

It was time, Elway said, that the rest of the National Football League paid the Broncos some respect.

"I guarantee you, they'd trade with us any day of the week," Elway said of the Vikings. "And if that game doesn't impress Kramer, nothing will. There's only one way to shut these people up, and that's to keep on winning."

Linebacker Tom Jackson, Denver's defensive leader, probably has a better understanding than Elway of the disdain for the Broncos. Denver has won 10 or more games in four seasons since 1977, but Jackson says most fans still regard the Broncos as "that funny little orange team somewhere out there in the Rockies."

Jackson, too, thinks it's time the Broncos got some respect. "I think certain people will have a new respect for our team now—knowing that however bad the Vikings may have looked, they still have the potential to play well. They've proven that in a few spots this season."

Added Jackson, "I liked Scott Brunner's comment at the end of the game. He said, 'We certainly may not appear at times to be an 11-1 team, but Minnesota sure did look like a 3-9 team throughout the day.'"

Before the Broncos met Seattle in an AFC West summit battle November 25, Seahawks Coach Chuck Knox gave them their proper due. "I'm not surprised by Denver," he said. "It's not luck, either. When you've won 11 games, it's not lucky; it's doing what you do well and doing it every week. They've made things happen and they've made themselves winners."

Bronco Busters: Wide receiver Clint Sampson, on injured reserve for four weeks with face and mouth injuries suffered in a brutal collision in Buffalo, was activated for the Seattle game. The Broncos asked waivers on wide receiver Zach Thomas to make room for Sampson. . . . There was speculation that All-Pro linebacker Bob Swenson, on injured reserve with a knee injury, would be activated for the final game of the season, and that Brunner would be on the roster for the playoffs. The backup quarterback has been out with a knee injury. . . . The Broncos' new air bubble was inflated, assuring them that they will have a warm place to practice.

JOSEPH SANCHEZ



Raiders Want More Rapacious Defense

LOS ANGELES—If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then the Los Angeles Raiders have tossed bouquets to the ball-hawking defensive units of Seattle and Denver.

After losing three consecutive games, the Raiders decided that henceforth the second man on a tackle would go for the ball, not a knockout.

The change may have been related to the fact that the Raiders had lost twice to the Broncos or to the fact that they split with the Seahawks. Or to the fact that they're in third place in the AFC West and the league's two titans of turnovers are lined up ahead of them for playoff berths.

Whatever the inspiration, the tactic paid off against Kansas City on November 18, when the Raiders forced three turnovers in a 17-7 victory.

"Our offense has had problems turning the ball over, putting us in some bad situations defensively," said All-Pro linebacker Rod Martin. "So we came in with the intention of getting them (the Chiefs) to turn the ball over and trying to give our offense better field position."

Martin scored the Raiders' first touchdown, rambling 77 yards after scooping up a fumble produced by strong safety Mike Davis' sack of quarterback Bill Kenney. One quarter later, Martin shook the ball loose on a blitz and All-Pro defensive end Howie Long recovered. Six plays later, Marc Wilson hit Dokie Williams on a 12-yard touchdown pass.

"We decided to take a page from Denver's defensive playbook," said Long. "Maybe we could give up 300 yards, then wind up returning a fumble 80 yards to win in the final 20 seconds."

The Raiders didn't give up 300 yards. They held the Chiefs to just 182, the best game of the season for a defense that ranks No. 2 on the league's total yardage table.

But good defense isn't enough when your offense is plagued by turnovers. The Raiders' turnover differential of minus-13

ranked last in the division.

"We talked about turnovers before the game," Long said. "I talked to the defensive backs and the linebackers, and we decided we'd go for the ball more. We felt we could get some turnovers for our offense."

Martin almost had a second touchdown after his sack of Kenney, but Long's flip to him was ruled a forward lateral. After dashing 50 yards to the end zone, Martin took oxygen on the sideline, as he did after his touchdown.

"They clock us in the 40, not the 100," he said. "It's a dream getting to run with the ball, but that's a long way."

Pride and Poise Noise: The Raiders lost inside linebacker Bob Nelson to a knee injury. At one point against Kansas City, only two of the original seven starters up front on defense were in the game.

BOB COX



Injury Could End Bell's Best Season

KANSAS CITY—In the mediocrity that has come to characterize the Kansas City Chiefs' 1984 season, a handful of performances have risen above the rest: the play of the club's young defense, the punting of Jim Arnold, the consistent excellence of defensive end Art Still.

But no performance has stood out more, or been longer anticipated, than that of defensive end Mike Bell.

While the Chiefs stumble along near the .500 mark, Bell is having the best season of his six in the NFL.

"I think Mike is having his best year, no question," said Walt Corey, longtime assistant coach for the Chiefs. "He would love to be All-Pro, but just about anybody who plays this game wants to be All-Pro."

"The difference with Mike is that he's going out and doing something about it. You can wish for it, but Mike isn't going to be stuck wishing for it. He's going to make it happen."

Bell has made a lot happen for the Chiefs this season. After 12 weeks, his 14 sacks ranked second in the NFL behind Mark Gastineau's 18½. And until the 12th game, he did something he had not been able to do through most of his career: stay on the field. Injuries were the hallmark of Bell's first four seasons in the league, a period in which he started just 27 games.

Bell did not miss a start last season and was a perfect 12-for-12 this year until he reinjured his knee against the Raiders. The injury, involving cartilage, probably will require surgery, but Bell wants to put that off until the end of the season.

"It just burns me up on the inside to think that there is a chance I might not finish the season," Bell said. "I want to finish strong. I'd be reluctant to have surgery because of what I want to accomplish this year."

Bell's accomplishments are such that he is about to become the highest-paid player in Chiefs history. Bell and attorney Marvin Demoff were putting the finishing touches on a four-year contract worth about \$2.25 million.

"For me personally, things couldn't have come together at one time better than they have this year," Bell said. "That doesn't help a lot when you are talking about looking pretty bad for a playoff spot. But it does help."

Bell's goals are to make the playoffs and the Pro Bowl. He placed fourth among AFC defensive ends in last year's Pro Bowl balloting. Only three go to the game. He faces stiff competition this year from Still and such players as Gastineau, Howie Long, Jacob Green, Jeff Bryant and Doug Betters.

"It means an awful lot to me," Bell said. "I don't bust my butt in the off-season to be just another average guy. I'm out there pushing my body because I want to be the best."

Bell used to push his body too far. Then in February 1983, he went to the Olympic training center at Colorado Springs for a battery of tests. He did it more for the Chiefs' peace of mind than for his own, but what he learned there changed his methods of conditioning and has kept him from suffering many of the freak injuries that once seemed to haunt him.

"Like anybody stuck in their ways, I was pigheaded and I didn't want to change," Bell said. "People would tell me something and I would say, 'Yeah, sure.' Then I wouldn't do it."

He is listening now, and it is making all the difference in the world.

"He's become a better team defensive player than he was in the past," said Corey. "He used to be after just the sacks. Now, he's playing the run as well as anybody I've seen this year, with the possible exception of Art (Still). Nobody plays the run like Art."

Chiefs Briefs: The Chiefs' 20 yards rushing against the Raiders in Week 12 set a club record for futility. It also extended the team's string of games without a 100-yard rusher to 37, the longest such streak in the league. . . . The game with the Raiders was marred by more than half a dozen brawls, including a halftime melee that scattered players and coaches over half of the Coliseum field. After the game, a Chiefs security guard who travels with the club was stabbed with a blunt instrument outside the Coliseum. Al King, though not seriously injured, was forced to spend several days in a Los Angeles hospital.

BOB GRETZ

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Joiner Goes to Head of Reception Line

By CHRIS COBBS

SAN DIEGO—For trivia buffs, here are a few teasers: Who is the most underpublicized superstar in pro football? Who is the most consistent receiver of all time? The most superstitious?

The answer, in each case, is Charlie Joiner.

The San Diego Chargers' 16-year veteran is also the No. 1 pass catcher in the history of the National Football League.

On November 25, Joiner caught six passes in the Chargers' 52-24 loss at Pittsburgh and boosted his career total to 651, moving into first place ahead of Charley Taylor, former Washington Redskins star, who had 649 receptions.

Typically taciturn, Joiner said after his historic moment, "It's an empty feeling because we lost. I would trade the catches today for a win. The record is something to get over with, to keep the reporters out of my locker."

Joiner was disconsolate after dropping a second-quarter pass that might have gone for a touchdown. "I started everything by dropping that ball," he said. "The game might have been different if I hadn't missed it. I committed the cardinal sin—taking your eyes off the ball."

Joiner's 650th catch came with 4:42 left in the game. The pass from Ed Luther—in the game because starting quarterback Dan Fouts had suffered a groin injury—went for a three-yard gain.

"I wish him all the best," said Taylor, the ex-record holder who has none of the animosity that Jim Brown held for the pursuers of his rushing record, Walter Payton and Franco Harris. "If somebody had to break my record, Charlie is the ideal person."

"I hope his record lasts forever, and I'm just glad he waited until I got into the Hall of Fame."

Joiner, 37, must rank as one of the best-kept secrets in all of professional sports. For a guy who has accomplished what he has, Joiner has given new meaning to the notion of maintaining a low profile. He is almost unknown to casual fans.

It isn't that he has an antagonistic relationship with the media. He simply prefers his privacy. "I want people to respect me," he said. "I don't want nobody to hate me. I can get along with anybody. I'm uncomfortable if I feel people don't like me."

"I was raised strictly and spiritually. I always believed what my dad, my coach and my pastor told me."

Although he has politely shunned publicity for most of his adult life, Joiner has managed to earn the respect of almost everyone who has had any dealing with him. There are few anecdotes about Joiner—and fewer critical remarks—in NFL circles.

"Charlie is an oddity in modern sports," said Fouts. "He just lets the numbers keep piling up, and he never says anything. I think that's the way it ought to be."

"If I shot a 59 on the golf course, 99 percent of the credit would go to me. But I ain't playing golf. I'm playing football. Charlie feels the same way."

Receiver John Jefferson, a former Chargers player who now is with the Green Bay Packers, said of Joiner, "He's just about the best person I know. He's like a big brother to me. When I was a rookie, he taught me to read defenses and helped me relax. He didn't treat me like somebody trying to take his job."

Eddie Robinson, Joiner's coach at Grambling College (where Joiner received a degree in business administration in 1969), was known for goading his players, trying to push them to their best. He would sometimes try to embarrass a player in front of teammates in order to accomplish his purpose.

The strongest thing he ever said to Joiner? "Attaboy, Charlie."

He entered Grambling at the same time as a strong-armed quarterback named James Harris. They comprised one of the greatest passing combinations in school history.

Each year at spring practice, All-Pro defensive back Willie Brown of the Oakland Raiders would return to his alma mater to help Robinson. After working out against Joiner several times, Brown realized he was getting as much benefit as the

college players.

Brown, who later played against Joiner in the NFL, said he would rank his old friend among the top receivers he ever saw, including Taylor, Fred Biletnikoff, Lance Alworth, Don Maynard and Paul Warfield.

Joiner entered the NFL as a speedster and genuine deep threat. Later, he evolved into the consummate third-down possession receiver. He has gone through several changes of defensive backs and strategies, ranging from the uncontrolled bump-and-run to the pure zone to the limited-contact game of the mid-1980s.

San Diego defensive back Tim Fox, formerly a star with the New England Patriots, said Joiner reads zone defenses better than any receiver he has ever seen.

"He's a scientist of the game," Fox said. "There have been faster, more spectacular receivers, but I think he will go down as the greatest because he has been the most consistent."

Joiner also must be considered among the most superstitious athletes around. He likes to be the first player in the dressing room—and the last to leave for meetings. He won't wear new socks or a new jersey in a game. And he always leaves for a game exactly four hours before kickoff.

Joiner, who is subdued in almost every way, lets his wife pick out his clothes. The only shopping he does is for hats, of which he has a large collection.

He also has an unrivaled ability to pick apart a defensive backfield as the result of his years of experience and tenacious film study.

"He has developed such a feel for the game because he has been working at it so long," said Al Saunders, San Diego's receiver coach. "I compare it to the first time you drive a car. You stare at the middle of the road and make sure you are going straight, right? Later, when you get more experience, you can look off to the side and still steer correctly."

"With Charlie, he has seen it all so many times, it is habitual, like breathing."

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handed them their first loss after 11 wins.

DuHe wasn't blaming himself. But he wasn't exonerating himself, either.

"I've got to start sucking it up a little bit," DuHe said. "I don't feel like I've been playing aggressively, the way I should be."

The admission was startling. DuHe always has been symbolic of the Miami defense, a swarming, hard-hitting player for a defense of the same mold. He had a tailor-made excuse, if he wanted to take it. X-rays of DuHe's left shoulder revealed a hairline crack. He has recovered from shoulder surgery on his right shoulder and knee.

"Maybe my shoulder made me a little more tentative, but I've just got to forget about it," he said. "It's not going to get any worse. I've just got to live with it. It's no big deal."

What was a big deal, DuHe and everybody else knew, was the poor overall execution by the defense for two weeks before the New York Jets game. The Dolphins barely averted defeat against Philadelphia, needing a blocked extra-point try and a comeback from a 14-0 deficit.

In San Diego, rather than coming back from 14 down, the Dolphins came from 14 ahead to lose in overtime. Dan Fouts dominated through the air, Earnest Jackson and a fellow named Buford McGee dominated on the ground.

"Everybody knows we're not playing the way we should be," DuHe said. "Nobody's quite sure of the reason why. We've got to start letting it all hang out again."

The Dolphins achieved their loftiest spot on defense after the season's seventh week. That was when they led the league in offense and were fourth on defense in the AFC. In the overall NFL ratings, they were sixth on defense. After week 12, they were ninth overall on defense.

"I'm not a coach, but I think each guy has to sit down and think about his performance individually," DuHe said. "Right now, it's kind of an empty feeling. We're trying to figure out what it is."

"There were times against the Chargers when we made some bad plays and times we were in some defenses we shouldn't have been in. But you should still win if you're aggressive."

That could very well be the key. In victory, Miami was challenging people at the line of scrimmage. In its only defeat of the year, it was not.

Now the Dolphins are in something of a dogfight, not for the AFC East title that they are certain to wrap up, but against the Denver Broncos for a home-field advantage in the playoffs.

Dolphin Flips: Statements by Michigan Panthers wide receiver Anthony Carter that he was invited to attend the Dolphins-Jets game were disputed by Owner Joe Robbie. "Most emphatically, he has never been in contact with me," Robbie said. Carter was Miami's last choice in the 1983 draft while under contract to Michigan. . . . Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino was rumored to be contemplating marriage in the near future. . . . Tight end Joe Rose is back with the team after five weeks of rehabilitation. He turned down club-recommended shoulder surgery. Rose got in for just one play against San Diego—an incomplete pass to him—but said he felt confident his shoulder will hold up.

LARRY DORMAN

—AFC West—

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McGee's Run Makes Wrong Call Right

SAN DIEGO—It was the wrong play and the wrong man at the right time. But a 25-yard touchdown run by rookie Buford McGee that gave the San Diego Chargers a 34-28 upset over the previously unbeaten Miami Dolphins rekindled the flame among the Chargers' fans just when it appeared a second consecutive losing season was inevitable.

McGee, an 11th-round draft choice from Mississippi, had played little this year. Most of his time was spent with the special teams, or in the company of running back Earnest Jackson, the second-year pro who was well on his way to leading the AFC in rushing and setting a Chargers single-season record.

Jackson, who had rushed for 124 yards against Miami, was out of the game getting his ankle taped when the Chargers reached the Dolphins' 25-yard line in overtime.

The San Diego strategists in the press box—Ernie Zampese and Al Saunders—sent in a play designated Jab 80 Log, a sweep around right end. Zampese had meant to call for Jab 90 Log, a sweep in the other direction, which would have put the ball in position for a Rolf Benirschke field goal.

It was probably the best mistake Zampese ever made.

McGee went in for the touchdown on what quarterback Dan Fouts called one of the finest runs he had ever seen.

McGee, who later admitted he was scared when his number was called, was still dazed when he watched the game on videotape the next day. When No. 21 crossed the goal line, McGee triumphantly held his arms aloft, as if to confirm he had really scored the touchdown that stunned the NFL.

"It looks like Earnest is going to set a record (he had 950 yards in 12 games and needed just 213 in his last four games to top the 1,162 by Don Woods in 1974), so I can't expect to carry the ball more," McGee said. "I'm glad to fill in and have a place on the team. I just hope I'll be around in the future."

Lightning Bolts: After the Chargers learned that Chuck Muncie would not be permitted to return this season, Owner Alex Spanos called for the adoption of stronger measures to curtail drug use in the NFL. He said he would like to see mandatory drug testing and an NFL policy, similar to the NBA's, which allows a player to seek rehabilitation for a drug problem once, but bans him from the sport for life if he gets involved again. . . . The Chargers expect to learn in February if Muncie will be allowed to resume his career in 1985. Until then, they are in limbo as to planning their backfield moves. . . . Spanos had a busy week. He said he would be spending more time in San Diego (he's based in Stockton, Calif.) to get a better feel for the organization. He also wants players and front office staff to feel more comfortable around him. Spanos, who bought the club from Gene Klein three months ago, said he detected that some members of the staff seemed apprehensive as a losing season unfolded.

CHRIS COBBS

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Pittsburgh	0	14	0	10-24
New Orleans	3	10	0	14-27

SCORING

New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 27, 14:16 1st.
Pittsburgh—Lipps 76 punt return (Anderson kick), 5:52 2nd.
Pittsburgh—Stallworth 14 pass from Malone (Anderson kick), 9:52 2nd.
New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 32, 13:10 2nd.
New Orleans—Hardy 28 pass from Todd (Anderson kick), 14:43 2nd.
Pittsburgh—Field goal Anderson 21, 0:22 4th.
New Orleans—Miller 21 pass from Todd (Anderson kick), 7:02 4th.
New Orleans—Winston 47 interception return (Anderson kick), 8:36 4th.
Pittsburgh—Lipps 25 pass from Campbell (Anderson kick), 13:43 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Pittsburgh	New Orleans
First downs	18	16
Rushes-Yards	32-115	32-89
Passing yards	217	176
Sacked-Yards lost	3-24	6-47
Return yards	239	157
Passes	16-28-2	18-31-2
Punts	5-44-6	6-47-7
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-49	3-20
Time of possession	27:16	32:44
Attendance	66,005	No-Shows—5,111

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Pittsburgh, Abercrombie 11-63, Pollard 16-40, Erenberg 3-13, Malone 2-minus 1; New Orleans, G. Rogers 17-43, Campbell 5-13, Anthony 2-13, W. Wilson 4-9, Todd 4-11.
Passing—Pittsburgh, Malone 10-19-2-158, Campbell 6-9-0-83; New Orleans, Todd 18-31-2-223.
Receiving—Pittsburgh, Stallworth 4-86, Lipps 4-81, Erenberg 4-49, Thompson 1-15, Pollard 2-5, Abercrombie 1-5; New Orleans, W. Wilson 3-39, Groh 3-44, Young 2-69, Scott 2-19, Anthony 1-3, Hardy 1-28, Miller 1-21.
Kickoff Returns—Pittsburgh, Erenberg 5-103; New Orleans, W. Wilson 1-23, Anthony 3-66.
Punt Returns—Pittsburgh, Lipps 4-128; New Orleans, Fields 2-12.
Interceptions—Pittsburgh, Woodruff 2-8; New Orleans, B. Clark 1-9, Winston 1-47.
Punting—Pittsburgh, Colquitt 5-44-6; New Orleans, Hansen 6-47-7.
Field Goals—Pittsburgh, Anderson 1-2 (missed: 43); New Orleans, Andersen 2-2.
Sacks—Pittsburgh, Gary, Merriweather 3, Williams, Willis; New Orleans, B. Clark, Winston ½, Paul ½, Warren.

Packers-Lions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SCORE BY PERIODS

Green Bay	14	7	0	7-28
Detroit	0	17	7	7-31

SCORING

Green Bay—Ellis 40 run (Del Greco kick), 1:33 1st.
Green Bay—Coffman 44 pass from Dickey (Del Greco kick), 8:04 1st.
Detroit—Lewis 10 pass from Danielson (Murray kick), 3:38 2nd.
Green Bay—Ivery 7 pass from Dickey (Del Greco kick), 8:15 2nd.
Detroit—Lewis 21 pass from Danielson (Murray kick), 13:46 2nd.
Detroit—Field goal Murray 32, 15:00 2nd.

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 25

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
xMiami	11	1	0	.917	388	198
New England	8	5	0	.615	319	282
New York Jets	6	6	0	.500	263	258
Indianapolis	4	9	0	.308	197	342
Buffalo	1	12	0	.077	191	366

CENTRAL DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Pittsburgh	7	6	0	.538	331	260
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	243	280
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	186	234
Houston	2	11	0	.154	181	363

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
yDenver	11	2	0	.846	293	198
Seattle	11	2	0	.846	359	200
L.A. Raiders	9	4	0	.692	292	228
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	340	348
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	222	283

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 25

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
New York Giants	8	5	0	.615	265	250
Washington	8	5	0	.615	336	238
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	233	240
St. Louis	7	6	0	.538	332	285
Philadelphia	5	7	1	.423	231	251

CENTRAL DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
xChicago	9	4	0	.692	274	195
Green Bay	5	8	0	.385	305	267
Detroit	4	8	1	.346	250	316
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	257	326
Minnesota	3	10	0	.231	238	364

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
xSan Francisco	12	1	0	.923	370	187
Los Angeles Rams	8	5	0	.615	269	260
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	246	300
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	232	314

xClinched division title.
yClinched playoff berth.

Detroit—J. Jones 1 run (Murray kick), 13:52 3rd.
Detroit—Chadwick 21 pass from Danielson (Murray kick), 7:45 4th.
Green Bay—Epps 4 pass from Wright (Del Greco kick), 14:05 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Green Bay	Detroit
First downs	14	33
Rushes-Yards	16-109	45-171
Passing yards	197	347
Sacked-Yards lost	2-18	1-6
Return yards	130	64
Passes	13-24-2	25-34-1
Punts	4-42-8	2-40-5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	5-35	9-71
Time of possession	15:13	44:27
Attendance	63,698	No-Shows—7,103

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Green Bay, Ellis 4-45, Ivery 10-44, Crouse 2-20; Detroit, Jenkins 13-71, J. Jones 18-59, D'Addio 4-35, Danielson 5-14, Bussey 4-13, Nichols 1-minus 21.
Passing—Green Bay, Dickey 8-17-1-115, Wright 5-7-1-100; Detroit, Danielson 24-33-1-305, Machurek 1-1-0-48.
Receiving—Green Bay, Ivery 5-46, Epps 3-70, Crouse 2-30, Coffman 1-44, Lofton 1-24, Ellis 1-1; Detroit, J. Jones 7-75, Nichols 4-108, Lewis 3-40, Thompson 3-24, Chadwick 2-42, Jenkins 2-26, Rubick 2-23, Bussey 1-8, McCall 1-7.
Kickoff Returns—Green Bay, Rodgers 4-87, Huckleby 1-12; Detroit, Hall 4-49.
Punt Returns—Detroit, Mandley 1-10.
Interceptions—Green Bay, Flynn 1-31; Detroit, Graham 1-15, Watkins 1-0.
Punting—Green Bay, Scribner 4-42-8; Detroit, Black 2-40-5.
Field Goals—Green Bay, none attempted; Detroit, Murray 1-2 (missed: 54).
Sacks—Green Bay, Anderson; Detroit, Cofer, Gay.

Patriots-Cowboys

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SCORE BY PERIODS

New England	3	0	0	14-17
Dallas	7	3	7	3-20

SCORING

Dallas—Downs 27 interception return (Septien kick), 2:04 1st.
New England—Field goal Franklin 29, 5:52 1st.
Dallas—Field goal Septien 28, 0:07 2nd.
Dallas—Hill 9 pass from D. White (Septien kick), 11:57 3rd.
New England—Ramsey 1 pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 0:05 4th.
New England—Eason 1 run (Franklin kick), 13:02 4th.
Dallas—Field goal Septien 23, 14:56 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New England	Dallas
First downs	19	18
Rushes-Yards	25-150	30-67
Passing yards	147	275
Sacked-Yards lost	10-57	2-13
Return yards	127	157
Passes	19-38-1	21-41-1
Punts	11-43-5	10-38-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-25
Time of possession	30:36	29:24
Attendance	55,341	No-Shows—9,760

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—New England, C. James 19-112, Tatupu 2-15, Eason 2-14, Collins 2-9; Dallas, Dorsett 19-49, Newsome 6-18, D. White 2-1, J. Jones 2-0, Springs 1-minus 1.
Passing—New England, Eason 19-38-1-204; Dallas, D. White 21-41-1-288.
Receiving—New England, Starring 6-61, Ramsey 5-71, C. James 2-22, Dawson 3-32, Jones 1-7, Weatherly 1-6, Morgan 1-5; Dallas, Hill 8-125, Donley 4-74, Dorsett 3-40, Newsome 3-4, Cosbie 2-36, Harris 1-9.
Kickoff Returns—New England, Robinson 1-14, Hawthorne 1-14, Collins 3-64; Dallas, Allen 3-60, Salonen 1-22.
Punt Returns—New England, Fryar 7-18; Dallas, Allen 5-48.
Interceptions—New England, Clayborn 1-17; Dallas, Downs 1-27.
Punting—New England, Camarillo 11-43-5; Dallas, D. White 10-38-0.
Field Goals—New England, Franklin 1-2 (missed: 52); Dallas, Septien 2-2.
Sacks—New England, McGrew, Tippet; Dallas, Downs, Bates 2, Dickerson, R. White 3, E. Jones 2, Tuinei.

Oilers-Browns

NOVEMBER 25

SCORE BY PERIODS

Houston	7	0	0	3-10
Cleveland	7	13	0	7-27

SCORING

Cleveland—Brennan 14 pass from McDonald (Bahr kick), 7:31 1st.
Houston—Bostic 22 fumble return (Cooper kick), 12:04 1st.
Cleveland—Field goal Bahr 18, 4:23 2nd.
Cleveland—Newsome 12 pass from McDonald (Bahr kick), 8:32 2nd.
Cleveland—Field goal Bahr 29, 13:09 2nd.
Houston—Field goal Cooper 39, 3:04 4th.
Cleveland—Brennan 7 pass from McDonald (Bahr kick), 10:40 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Houston	Cleveland
First downs	11	18
Rushes-Yards	25-109	38-120
Passing yards	38	142
Sacked-Yards lost	4-46	1-9
Return yards	97	175
Passes	9-20-2	16-26-1
Punts	6-41-2	2-43-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-44	3-20
Time of possession	26:35	33:25
Attendance	46,077	No-Shows—1,275

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Houston, Moriarty 16-81, Edwards 3-20, Moon 3-4, Joyner 3-4; Cleveland, Green 26-74, Byner 9-41, White 1-4, J. Davis 1-5, McDonald 1-minus 4.
Passing—Houston, Moon 9-20-2-84; Cleveland, McDonald 16-26-1-151.
Receiving—Houston, Bryant 1-14, J. Williams 2-22, Dressel 1-15, McCloskey 1-11, Walls 1-9, Moriarty 1-minus 4, Holston 1-11, Edwards 1-6; Cleveland, Newsome 10-102, Brennan 4-34, Holt 1-6, Walker 1-9.
Kickoff Returns—Houston, Allen 3-48, Roaches 1-25, Walls 1-22; Cleveland, B. Davis 2-50, Byner 1-15.
Punt Returns—Houston, Roaches 1-0; Cleveland, Brennan 5-54.
Interceptions—Houston, Brazile 1-2; Cleveland, Gross 1-47, Dixon 1-9.
Punting—Houston, James 6-41-2; Cleveland, Cox 2-43-0.
Field Goals—Houston, Cooper 1-1; Cleveland, Bahr 2-2.
Sacks—Houston, Bostic; Cleveland, Camp 3, Matthews.

Chiefs-Giants

NOVEMBER 25

SCORE BY PERIODS

Kansas City	0	17	0	10-27
New York Giants	0	7	7	14-28

SCORING

Kansas City—Paige 26 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 3:39 2nd.
New York—Carpenter 1 run (Haji-Sheikh kick), 9:36 2nd.
Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 41, 14:13 2nd.
Kansas City—Scott 8 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 14:46 2nd.
New York—Carpenter 1 run (Haji-Sheikh kick), 6:30 3rd.
Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 52, 2:24 4th.
Kansas City—Carson 34 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 5:42 4th.
New York—Johnson 22 pass from Simms (Haji-Sheikh kick), 7:30 4th.
New York—Mowatt 3 pass from Simms (Haji-Sheikh kick), 12:38 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Kansas City	New York
First downs	15	29
Rushes-Yards	22-64	38-147
Passing yards	276	324
Sacked-Yards lost	1-10	2-19
Return yards	219	142
Passes	18-36-1	24-41-3
Punts	7-42-3	5-38-6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	1-10
Time of possession	23:05	36:55
Attendance	74,383	No-Shows—2,467

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Kansas City, Heard 10-30, Jackson 5-24, Lacy 4-8, Kenney 1-1, Brown 1-1, J. Arnold 1-0; New York, Carpenter 22-86, Morris 12-50, Simms 2-11, Galbreath 2-0.
Passing—Kansas City, Kenney 18-36-1-286; New York, Simms 24-41-3-343.
Receiving—Kansas City, Carson 5-153, Marshall 5-59, Paige 2-37, Scott 2-17, Brown 2-11, Lacy 1-5, Heard 1-4; New York, Mowatt 7-126, Johnson 4-81, Morris 4-56, Carpenter 4-19, Galbreath 3-24, B. Williams 2-37.
Kickoff Returns—Kansas City, Smith 4-117, Paige 1-13; New York, Woolfolk 4-66, Morris 1-11.
Punt Returns—Kansas City, Smith 3-22; New York, Manuel 3-47, McConkey 1-11.
Interceptions—Kansas City, Ross 1-31, Lewis 1-26, Cherry 1-20; New York, Currier 1-7.
Punting—Kansas City, J. Arnold 7-42-3; New York, Jennings 5-38-6.
Field Goals—Kansas City, Lowery 2-2; New York, Haji-Sheikh 0-1 (missed: 52).
Sacks—Kansas City, Daniels, Still; New York, Banks.

Bills-Redskins

NOVEMBER 25

SCORE BY PERIODS

Buffalo	0	7	7	0-14
Washington	17	10	7	7-41

SCORING

Washington—Monk 11 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick), 3:28 1st.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 38, 7:31 1st.
Washington—Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick), 11:31 1st.
Washington—Brown 18 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick), 0:57 2nd.
Buffalo—Franklin 8 pass from Ferguson (Nelson kick), 9:14 2nd.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 51, 15:00 2nd.
Buffalo—Dennard 36 pass from Ferguson (Nelson kick), 1:55 3rd.
Washington—Dean 11 interception return (Moseley kick), 9:35 3rd.
Washington—Wonsley 3 run (Moseley kick), 9:57 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Buffalo	Washington
First downs	13	27
Rushes-Yards	20-85	39-116
Passing yards	86	305
Sacked-Yards lost	7-61	1-6
Return yards	115	141
Passes	14-34-2	26-33-1
Punts	5-44-0	1-49-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	7-45	3-25
Time of possession	23:37	36:23
Attendance	51,513	No-Shows—3,918

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Buffalo, Bell 13-53, Moore 2-6, Neal 3-13, Ferguson 2-13; Washington, Riggins 3-6, Griffin 25-92, Theismann 4-3, Wonsley 5-7, Moore 2-8.
Passing—Buffalo, Ferguson 11-26-2-124, Koffler 3-8-0-23; Washington, Theismann 26-33-1-311.
Receiving—Buffalo, Dennard 3-45, Franklin 3-20, Moore 2-8, Riddick 3-41, Moseley 3-33; Washington, Monk 11-104, Muhammad 4-97, Riggins 1-2, Griffin 1-8, Didier 4-26, Brown 4-68, Moore 1-6.
Kickoff Returns—Buffalo, V. Williams 5-100, Wilson 1-15; Washington, Griffin 2-44, Kane 1-31.



Buffalo Bills' Joe Ferguson: A 7-point first half.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Punt Returns—Washington, Nelms 4-39.
Interceptions—Buffalo, Talley 1-0; Washington, Jordan 1-16, Dean 1-11.
Punting—Buffalo, Kidd 5-44-0; Washington, Hayes 1-49-0.
Field Goals—Buffalo, none attempted; Washington, Moseley 2-3 (missed: 50).
Sacks—Buffalo, Talley; Washington, Brooks 2, Milot 2, Coleman, Grant, Mann.

49ers-Saints

NOVEMBER 25

SCORE BY PERIODS

San Francisco	0	7	14	14-35
New Orleans	0	3	0	0-3

SCORING

San Francisco—Craig 1 run (Wersching kick) 9:17 2nd.
New Orleans—Field goal Andersen 27, 12:42 2nd.
San Francisco—Cooper 19 pass from Montana (Wersching kick), 6:24 3rd.
San Francisco—Solomon 28 pass from Montana (Wersching kick), 8:08 3rd.
San Francisco—Shell 53 interception return (Wersching kick), 3:25 4th.
San Francisco—Ring 1 run (Wersching kick), 10:39 4th.

NFL Needs Dallas Haughty, Not Declining

BUFFALO—There has been a lot said and written about the Dallas Cowboys not being what they used to be, but the decline of the Cowboys could not have been illustrated more graphically than by their astonishing loss to the hapless Buffalo Bills as the NFL moved into its stretch run.

It was as if Boy George had beaten the hell out of Burt Reynolds.

The Bills, by any measurement, were the worst team in football.

They had lost 13 straight games, 15 of their previous 16; they hadn't won a home game in more than a year; they had yielded more points than any team in the league; they hadn't scored more than 10 points a game in a month, and in most cases the points that did come

liged to come up with something negative.

"It was a classic case of paralysis by over-analysis."

Right now, the Cowboys possess only two blue-chip players—Dorsett on offense and Randy White on defense. Too Tall Jones was in that category not long ago, but at 33 he is on the decline.

And, off in the distance, but not too far in the distance, is the specter of Landry's retirement.

The NFL isn't about to gloat over the decline of the Cowboys, no matter how momentarily satisfying it is to see the mighty fall.

For one thing, the Cowboys are good for business. Buffalo

missed a sellout by just a few hundred tickets in 80,000-seat Rich Stadium, but nevertheless it ended a 43-game streak of Dallas sellouts on the road.

The Cowboys are an aristocracy that football fans will gladly pay money to see, just on the chance they might see that aristocracy muddled a little.

For another thing, Dallas sets the standard for most of the other NFL teams. How many standard bearers are there? The Steelers' standards are being rebuilt. Washington's are too new. That leaves the Raiders, Miami and the Cowboys.

The NFL needs the Cowboys—winning and haughty again.

FOOTBALL FILE



By
LARRY FELSER

were accumulated at garbage time; their pass rush was tied with Minnesota as the worst in the NFL.

Yet they not only upset the Cowboys, they soundly defeated them.

"It was the No. 1 embarrassment for us since I've been with the Cowboys," admitted Tony Dorsett.

"Our all-time humiliation," added John Dutton.

In the wake of the nightmare loss, there was speculation that the Grand Experiment with Gary Hogeboom as the Cowboys' starting quarterback was a failure and that if it wasn't over, it should be.

The team had barely reached the dressing room when Tom Landry was being second-guessed for not yanking Hogeboom in favor of Danny White.

Dallas clearly is a team in decline, a decline that could change from gradual to rapid. The Cowboys don't even look like the Cowboys any longer.

Remember when Dallas was light years ahead of everyone else in the draft? Or when the Cowboys would package deals that brought them the opportunity to draft Too Tall Jones, Dorsett and Randy White?

Now every team has a computer and the Cowboys have not drafted an impact player since Dorsett in 1977. That's eight drafts ago and there have been too many selections like Larry Bethea, Rod Hill and Aaron Mitchell since then.

The 1983 draft may haunt Dallas for a long, long time.

The Cowboys, picking 23rd in the first round, selected Arizona State defensive end Jim Jeffcoat. Jeffcoat is a starter now, which is nice. But consider the rest of the round.

The New York Jets picked 24th and they may be haunted, too, since they selected sleeper quarterback Ken O'Brien of California-Davis.

Following the Jets were Cincinnati and the Raiders, who selected offensive linemen Dave Rimington of Nebraska and Don Mosebar of USC, neither of whom are munchkins.

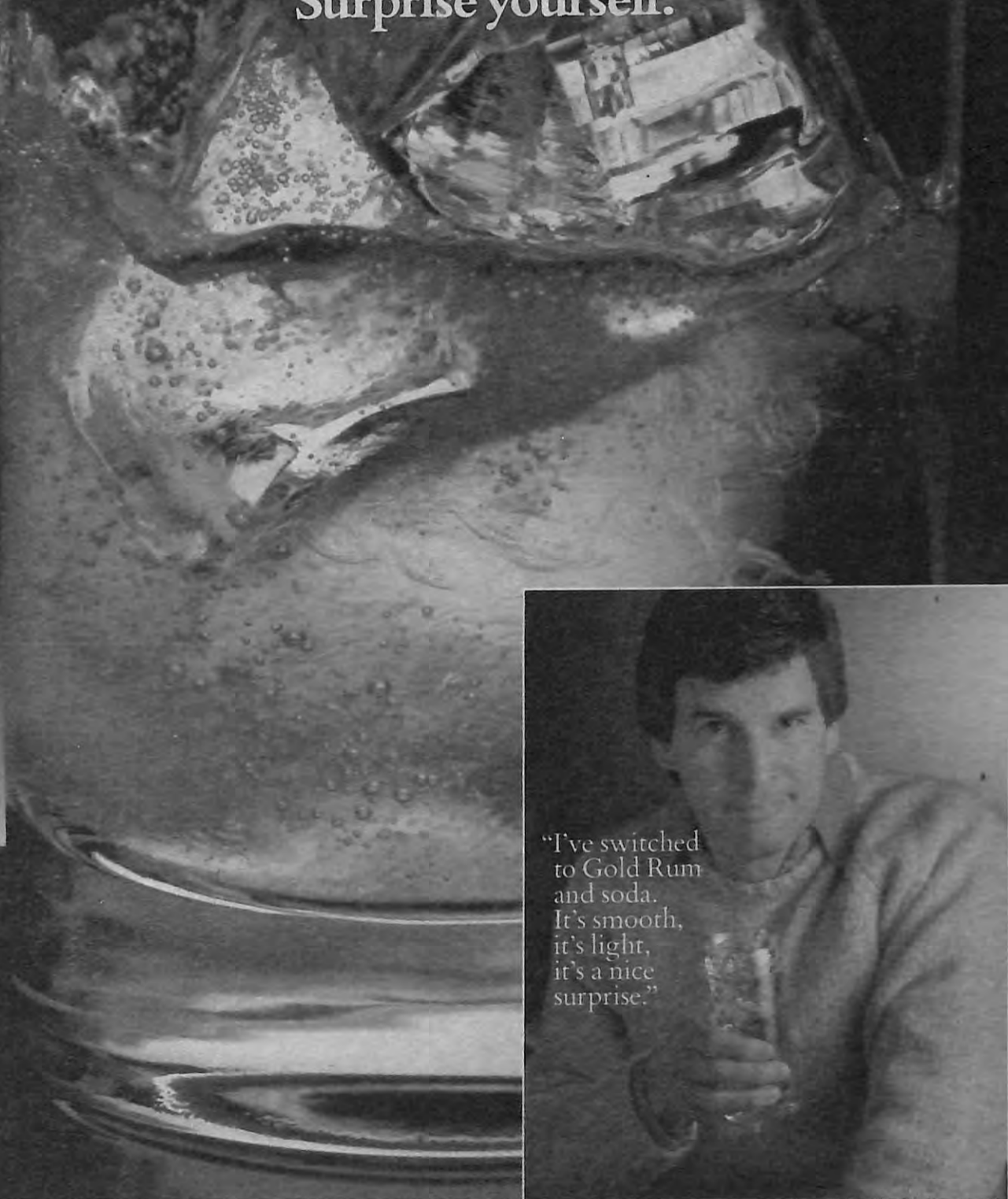
No. 27, a pick which will live in infamy for the Cowboys, went to the Miami Dolphins. They selected the down-and-out Pitt quarterback, Dan Marino.

Marino has been, to say the least, an impact player.

John Madden, the ex-Raiders coach who now is a top analyst on televised NFL games, spoke recently of what may have led to Marino lasting until the next-to-last selection in that first round.

"He was over-scouted," says Madden. "Scouts saw him so often they finally went to Pitt looking for something wrong with him. They felt ob-

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NFL Summaries

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TEAM STATISTICS		
	Philadelphia	St. Louis
First downs.....	17	12
Rushes-Yards.....	30-95	26-119
Passing yards.....	197	100
Sacked-Yards lost.....	5-30	5-41
Return yards.....	75	96
Passes.....	24-39-0	16-34-1
Punts.....	8-39-8	9-43-1
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-2	3-2
Penalties-Yards.....	3-20	4-46
Time of possession.....	35:07	24:53
Attendance—39,858. No-Shows—2,739.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing—Philadelphia, Oliver 5-19, Montgomery 16-60, Haddix 8-13, M. Williams 1-3; St. Louis, Anderson 21-92, Ferrell 2-9, Lomax 3-18.
 Passing—Philadelphia, Plisarcik 24-39-0-226; St. Louis, Lomax 16-34-1-141.
 Receiving—Philadelphia, Oliver 2-4, Montgomery 5-31, Haddix 2-12, Spagnola 3-29, Quick 8-107, Woodruff 3-41, M. Williams 1-2; St. Louis, Mitchell 1-24, Ferrell 1-3, Anderson 3-4, Marsh 2-17, Tilley 3-30, Pittman 1-8, Green 5-55.
 Kickoff Returns—Philadelphia, Cooper 3-29, Ellis 1-10; St. Louis, Pittman 3-49, Harrell 2-28.
 Punt Returns—Philadelphia, Cooper 4-16; St. Louis, Mitchell 3-19, Pittman 1-0.
 Interceptions—Philadelphia, Foulis 1-20.
 Punting—Philadelphia, Horan 8-39-8; St. Louis, Birdsong 9-43-1.
 Field Goals—Philadelphia, McFadden 3-4 (missed 26); St. Louis, O'Donoghue 1-1.
 Sacks—Philadelphia, Armstrong, Brown, Clarke, Darby, Harrison; St. Louis, Greer 2, A. Baker, Grooms, Junior.

Colts-Raiders

NOVEMBER 25		
SCORE BY PERIODS		
Indianapolis.....	0	0
Los Angeles Raiders.....	7	7

SCORING
 Los Angeles—Christensen 7 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 5:02 1st.
 Los Angeles—Casper 1 pass from Wilson (Bahr kick), 8:42 2nd.
 Indianapolis—McMillan 1 run (Allegre kick), 9:18 3rd.
 Los Angeles—Wilson 14 run (Bahr kick), 1:42 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS		
	Indianapolis	Los Angeles
First downs.....	10	21
Rushes-Yards.....	29-77	42-177
Passing yards.....	81	106
Sacked-Yards lost.....	6-44	6-40
Return yards.....	119	111
Passes.....	10-27-1	13-23-2
Punts.....	10-44-4	8-39-8
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards.....	7-41	10-102
Time of possession.....	26:08	33:52
Attendance—40,289. No-Shows—9,134.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing—Indianapolis, Dickey 16-41, Schlachter 4-20, McMillan 9-16; Los Angeles, Allen 18-110, Hawkins 12-45, Wilson 4-13, King 5-11, Willis 2-2, Pruitt 1-minus 4.
 Passing—Indianapolis, Schlachter 10-27-1-125; Los Angeles, Wilson 13-23-2-146.
 Receiving—Indianapolis, Porter 4-43, Dickey 1-33, Butler 1-16, Sherwin 2-14, Bouza 1-12, McMillan 1-7; Los Angeles, Christensen 6-77, Barnwell 4-46, Casper 2-14, Allen 1-9.
 Kickoff Returns—Indianapolis, Anderson 2-52, Smith 2-27; Los Angeles, Williams 2-32.
 Punt Returns—Indianapolis, Anderson 5-20; Los Angeles, Pruitt 5-49, Montgomery 1-5.
 Interceptions—Indianapolis, Daniel 1-0, Krauss 1-0; Los Angeles, Haynes 1-25.
 Punting—Indianapolis, Stark 10-44-4; Los Angeles, Guy 8-39-8.
 Field Goals—None Attempted.
 Sacks—Indianapolis, Cooks 4½, Wisniewski, Maxwell ½; Los Angeles, M. Davis 2, Long 2, Ackerman, Squirek.

Chargers-Steelers

NOVEMBER 25		
SCORE BY PERIODS		
San Diego.....	0	10
Pittsburgh.....	3	21

SCORING
 Pittsburgh—Field goal Anderson 55, 6:25 1st.
 Pittsburgh—Lipps 15 pass from Malone (Anderson kick), 1:25 2nd.
 Pittsburgh—Pollard 2 run (Anderson kick), 3:48 2nd.
 San Diego—Field goal Benirschke 29, 8:29 2nd.
 Pittsburgh—Stallworth 30 pass from Malone (Anderson kick), 12:39 2nd.
 San Diego—James 58 punt return (Benirschke kick), 14:45 2nd.
 San Diego—Chandler 63 pass from Luther (Benirschke kick), 1:12 3rd.
 Pittsburgh—Pollard 2 run (Anderson kick), 11:18 3rd.
 Pittsburgh—Stallworth 5 pass from Malone (Anderson kick), 11:45 3rd.
 Pittsburgh—Stallworth 45 pass from Malone (Anderson kick), 14:18 3rd.
 Pittsburgh—Malone 1 run (Anderson kick), 8:43 4th.
 San Diego—Joiner 25 pass from Luther (Benirschke kick), 9:49 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS		
	San Diego	Pittsburgh
First downs.....	23	28
Rushes-Yards.....	15-31	46-202
Passing yards.....	391	243
Sacked-Yards lost.....	1-10	1-10
Return yards.....	213	134
Passes.....	32-51-4	18-22-0
Punts.....	2-58-0	3-41-0
Fumbles-Lost.....	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards.....	5-71	7-56
Time of possession.....	26:06	33:54
Attendance—55,856. No-Shows—3,144.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing—San Diego, Jackson 10-23, McGee 4-8, James 1-0; Pittsburgh, Pollard 19-79, Abercrombie 19-109, Erenberg 1-5, Malone 2-minus 1, Veals 4-12, Campbell 1-minus 2.
 Passing—San Diego, Fouts 11-19-1-105, Luther 21-52-3-296; Pittsburgh, Malone 18-22-0-253.
 Receiving—San Diego, Bendross 2-13, Holohan 6-59, Chandler 4-105, Duckworth 4-74, Sievers 3-31, James 4-28, Jackson 1-3, Joiner 6-70, McGee 2-18; Pittsburgh, Abercrombie 1-3, Pollard 2-4, Lipps 7-118, Stallworth 7-116, D. Nelson 1-12.
 Kickoff Returns—San Diego, James 5-106, McGee 2-38; Pittsburgh, Erenberg 3-59, Corley 1-15.
 Punt Returns—San Diego, James 2-69; Pittsburgh, Lipps 2-16.
 Interceptions—Pittsburgh, Brown 1-31, Cole 1-12, Merriweather 1-1, Williams 1-0.
 Punting—San Diego, Buford 2-58-0; Pittsburgh, Colquitt 3-41-0.
 Field Goals—San Diego, Benirschke 1-2 (missed 49); Pittsburgh, Anderson 1-1.
 Sacks—San Diego, Lowe; Pittsburgh, Merriweather.

Falcons-Bengals

NOVEMBER 25		
SCORE BY PERIODS		
Atlanta.....	0	0
Cincinnati.....	14	7

SCORING
 Cincinnati—Collinsworth 57 pass from Schonert (Breech kick), 1:46 1st.
 Cincinnati—Kinnebrew 1 run (Breech kick), 14:45 1st.
 Cincinnati—Jackson 28 interception return (Breech kick), 0:09 2nd.
 Cincinnati—Alexander 1 run (Breech kick), 1:46 3rd.
 Atlanta—Riggs 6 run (Luckhurst kick), 5:59 3rd.
 Atlanta—Riggs 2 run (Luckhurst kick), 12:24 3rd.
 Cincinnati—Collinsworth 20 pass from Schonert (Breech kick), 12:05 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS		
	Atlanta	Cincinnati
First downs.....	19	26
Rushes-Yards.....	28-117	35-121
Passing yards.....	197	273
Sacked-Yards lost.....	1-9	3-26
Return yards.....	153	139
Passes.....	17-34-2	22-25-1
Punts.....	3-41-3	3-36-0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards.....	5-28	3-25
Time of possession.....	26:09	33:51
Attendance—44,678. No-Shows—7,199.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing—Atlanta, Riggs 21-89, Moroski 5-26, C. Benson 2-2; Cincinnati, Kinnebrew 16-44, Brooks 7-22, Schonert 1-1, Jennings 6-47, Alexander 2-6, Harris 1-minus 2, Farley 2-3.
 Passing—Atlanta, Moroski 17-34-2-206; Cincinnati, Schonert 20-23-1-288, Esiason 2-2-0-9.
 Receiving—Atlanta, Riggs 1-3, A. Jackson 7-94, Cox 1-9, C. Benson 2-18, Bailey 3-61, Cain 1-7, Hodge 2-14; Cincinnati, Kinnebrew 2-14, Collinsworth 6-134, Harris 5-90, Brooks 2-14, Jennings 2-13, Holman 1-3, Kreider 1-14, Kern 1-9, Alexander 1-5, Farley 1-1.
 Kickoff Returns—Atlanta, Johnson 4-68, Curran 2-61; Cincinnati, Martin 2-45, Jennings 1-21.
 Punt Returns—Atlanta, Johnson 1-4; Cincinnati, Martin 1-26, Simmons 1-5.
 Interceptions—Atlanta, Johnson 1-20; Cincinnati, Jackson 1-28, Kemp 1-14.
 Punting—Atlanta, Giacomarro 3-41-3; Cincinnati, McNally 3-36-0.
 Field Goals—Atlanta, Luckhurst 0-1 (missed 35); Cincinnati, Breech 0-1 (missed 51).
 Sacks—Atlanta, T. Benson, Pitts, Richardson; Cincinnati, Krumrie.

Rams-Buccaneers

NOVEMBER 25		
SCORE BY PERIODS		
Los Angeles.....	0	10
Tampa Bay.....	9	7

SCORING
 Tampa Bay—Field goal Ariri 26, 4:54 1st.
 Tampa Bay—Wilder 1 run (kick failed), 13:40 1st.
 Los Angeles—Dickerson 2 run (Lansford kick), 4:32 2nd.
 Tampa Bay—J. Bell 16 pass from DeBerg (Ariri kick), 9:18 2nd.
 Los Angeles—Field goal Lansford 35, 13:16 2nd.
 Los Angeles—Dickerson 1 run (Lansford kick), 3:49 3rd.
 Tampa Bay—Field goal Ariri 24, 10:02 3rd.
 Tampa Bay—Armstrong 6 pass from DeBerg (Ariri kick), 15:00 3rd.
 Los Angeles—Kemp 1 run (Lansford kick), 2:37 4th.
 Los Angeles—Dickerson 33 run (Lansford kick), 4:42 4th.
 Los Angeles—Field goal Lansford 27, 9:25 4th.
 Tampa Bay—Wilder 1 run (Ariri kick), 12:09 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS		
	Los Angeles	Tampa Bay
First downs.....	19	28
Rushes-Yards.....	43-299	22-84
Passing yards.....	68	322
Sacked-Yards lost.....	0-0	0-0
Return yards.....	152	129
Passes.....	7-10-0	27-44-1
Punts.....	3-32-3	2-40-0
Fumbles-Lost.....	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards.....	7-57	7-45
Time of possession.....	29:53	30:07
Attendance—42,242. No-Shows—10,556.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Rushing—Los Angeles, Dickerson 28-191, Redden 3-48, Crutchfield 8-43, Brown 1-16, Kemp 3-1; Tampa Bay, Wilder 20-77, DeBerg 2-7.
 Passing—Los Angeles, Kemp 7-10-0-68; Tampa Bay, DeBerg 27-44-1-322.
 Receiving—Los Angeles, Ellard 1-23, Farmer 1-19, Guman 1-10, David Hill 1-9, Grant 1-5, Dickerson 1-3, Barber 1-minus 1; Tampa Bay, T. Bell 4-88, Wilder 10-80, House 4-50, J. Bell 3-47, Carter 3-33, Armstrong 2-17, Dixon 1-7.
 Kickoff Returns—Los Angeles, Drew Hill 4-101, Redden 1-20; Tampa Bay, Bright 3-49, Morton 2-69.
 Punt Returns—Los Angeles, Ellard 2-31; Tampa Bay, Bright 1-11.
 Interceptions—Los Angeles, Irvin 1-0.
 Punting—Los Angeles, Misko 3-32-3; Tampa Bay, Garcia 2-40-0.
 Field Goals—Los Angeles, Lansford 2-2; Tampa Bay, Ariri 2-2.
 Sacks—None.

Through games of November 25

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PASSING										
(Minimum of 156 Attempts)										
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg. Yd.	TD.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Points
Marino, Miami.....	395	256	64.8	3678	9.31	32	8.1	12	3.0	109.2
Eason, New England.....	354	202	57.1	2780	7.85	24	6.8	16	4.5	86.1
Krieg, Seattle.....	292	171	58.6	2074	7.10	16	5.5	9	3.1	85.9
Way, Denver.....	507	317	62.5	3740	7.38	19	3.7	17	3.4	83.4
Fouts, San Diego.....	345	194	56.2	2529	7.33	11	3.2	10	2.9	78.0
Moore, Houston.....	194	107	55.2	1550	7.99	13	6.7	12	6.2	77.9
Malone, Pittsburgh.....	189	103	54.5	1316	6.96	7	3.7	7	3.7	73.4
Page, Indianapolis.....	226	124	54.9	1671	7.39	12	5.3	13	5.8	72.3
*Ryan, New York.....	284	155	54.6	1928	6.79	14	4.9	14	4.9	71.7
Anderson, Cincinnati.....	226	140	61.9	1710	7.57	5	2.2	12	5.3	70.5
Kenney, Kansas City.....	184	96	52.2	1260	6.85	9	4.9	9	4.9	70.0
McDonald, Cleveland.....	414	220	53.1	2912	7.03	12	2.9	18	4.3	67.2
Ferguson, Buffalo.....	334	185	55.4	1939	5.81	12	3.6	16	4.8	64.4
Blackledge, Kansas City.....	291	145	49.8	1660	5.70	6	2.1	11	3.8	58.5

SCORERS—TOUCHDOWNS										
	Tot.	Rush.	Pass.	Ret.	Pts.	PUNT RETURNS				
Allen, Los Angeles.....	14	10	4	0	82	Martin, Cincinnati.....	17	257	15.1	0
*P. Johnson, Miami.....	12	12	0	0	74	Lipps, Pittsburgh.....	43	545	12.7	1
*Clayton, Miami.....	11	0	11	0	66	Wilson, Buffalo.....	28	285	10.2	1
Stallworth, Pittsburgh.....	11	0	11	0	66	Fryar, N.E.....	27	250	9.3	0
Largent, Seattle.....	10	0	10	0	60	*Springs, New York.....	27	243	9.0	0
Jackson, San Diego.....	9	8	1	0	54	Pruitt, Los Angeles.....	53	473	8.9	0
Kinnebrew, Cincinnati.....	9	8	1	0	54	James, S.D.....	19	168	8.8	1
Lipps, Pittsburgh.....	9	1	7	1	54	*Walker, Miami.....	18	155	8.6	0
*Bennett, Miami.....	7	6	1	0	42	Smith, K.C.....	35	296	8.5	0
Dennard, Buffalo.....	7	0	7	0	42	Brennan, Cleveland.....	18	145	8.1	0
*Duper, Miami.....	7	0	7	0	42	SCORERS—KICKING				
Ramsey, New England.....	7	0	7	0	42	(Minimum of 156 Attempts)				
Turner, Seattle.....	7	0	7	0	42					

KICKOFF RETURNS					N. Johnson, Seattle.....42-43			19-22	9
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.	Anderson, Pittsburgh.....40-40			17-24	9
*Humphrey, New York.....	19	542	28.5	1	Franklin, New England.....38-38 <td>17-22</td> <td>8</td>			17-22	8
Williams, Los Angeles.....	22	575	26.1	0	Bahr, Los Angeles.....30-32 <td>18-25</td> <td>8</td>			18-25	8
*Springs, New York.....	23	521	22.7	0	Breech, Cincinnati.....25-25 <td>18-25</td> <td>7</td>			18-25	7
Roaches, Houston.....	25	565	22.6	0	Lowery, Kansas City.....24-24 <td>18-25</td> <td>7</td>			18-25	7
James, S.D.....	38	800	21.1	0	Karlis, Denver.....32-35 <td>15-21</td> <td>7</td>			15-21	7
*Walker, Miami.....	20	421	21.1	0	*von Schamann, Miami.....49-52 <td>9-19</td> <td>7</td>			9-19	7
V. Williams, Buffalo.....	29	607	20.9	0	Bahr, Cleveland.....18-18 <td>19-27</td> <td>7</td>			19-27	7
Spencer, Pittsburgh.....	18	373	20.7	0	Benirschke, San Diego.....35-35 <td>13-19</td> <td>7</td>			13-19	7
Jennings, Cincinnati.....	19	389	20.5	0	*Leahy, New York.....29-30 <td>15-19</td> <td>7</td>			15-19	7

For rushing and passing, figure is average per game; for punt and kickoff returns, figure is average per return, and for sacks and turnovers, figure is season total. Figure in bold is conference-leading total.

	Rushing		Passing		Yds./Play		KO Return		Punt Return		Sacks	Turnovers		
	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	By Vs.	Opp. Own		
Buffalo.....	107.2	126.8	163.2	225.4	4.2	5.4	18.2	19.5	10.2	10.9	21	54	27	36
Cincinnati.....	134.8	120.2	206.3	204.1	5.1	5.1	18.1	21.4	10.9	8.5	31	40	33	36
Cleveland.....	92.8	123.9	200.2	149.2	4.5	4.4	19.0	22.8	8.1	11.0	40	50	31	34
Denver.....	125.1	108.1	182.0	257.3	4.9	5.2	18.8	21.5	7.9	7.6	44	31	49	23
Houston.....	99.3	164.0	187.3	208.6	4.9	5.4	17.7	17.8	5.0	10.7	24	46	20	25
Indianapolis.....	128.8	127.2	132.2	228.3	4.2	5.1	18.4	20.7	7.5	10.2	32	50	26	31
Kansas City.....	94.1	127.6	210.7	218.5	4.8	4.8	19.4	20.8	8.5	8.0	47	27	32	34
L.A. Raiders.....	121.8	119.5	209.3	150.3	4.9	4.1	21.6	17.6	8.9	9.6	51	46	28	42
Los Angeles.....	128.9	129.2	307.2	207.4	6.6	5.1	17.4	20.3	9.9	7.0	31	7	29	20
New England.....	122.7	112.7	221.0	214.2	5.2	4.8	20.7	19.0	8.5	10.0	46	47	21	24
N.Y. Jets.....	143.8	128.6	168.3	227.8	4.9	5.4	23.1	20.5	9.2	6.3	31	38	27	23
Pittsburgh.....	133.1	99.9	208.2	204.8	5.2	4.9	18.9	22.9	11.7	9.0	42	28	33	33
San Diego.....	106.2	108.1	302.1	267.8	5.5	6.0	19.6	20.2	7.8	9.5	27	29	29	26
Seattle.....	106.7	111.3	195.0	197.1	4.8	4.6	18.3	15.9	11.6	6.7	50	36	57	28

Colts' Schlichter Is Happy to Be Back

By MIKE KAHN

INDIANAPOLIS—Triumph was bursting from Art Schlichter's face as he ambled to the front of the interview room. It was a proud moment, a moment of relief. A moment he wouldn't have bet on experiencing 12 months ago.

If he had, it would have been another lost wager. "I don't think anybody can really realize where I've been and what I've been through," the Indianapolis Colts quarterback said. "During the last two years, there were a lot of days when you have to face reality. And reality's a bitch."

The reality was his addiction. Not to drugs or alcohol, but to gambling. He couldn't resist a bet, especially as the desire to recover his mounting losses kept gnawing at him. Some reports had his debt with bookmakers at nearly \$700,000. After 23 years of being a winner, Art Schlichter finally had lost.

"I was at the bottom," said Schlichter, now 24. "I had nowhere to go but back up the ladder. I had lost all sense of what was going on around me."

Schlichter was suspended for one year by National Football League Commissioner Pete Rozelle on May 20, 1983, following the disclosure of his huge gambling debts. On June 22, 1984, Rozelle lifted the suspension.

"I really do feel different," Schlichter said. "Only time will tell what kind of effect this has had on me."

That's why Schlichter walked so confidently through the interview room five months later. Finally, he had beaten the odds: Art Schlichter started his first NFL football game on November 18. For the record, the Colts lost, 50-17 to New England.

"Anytime you lose, it's disappointing," Schlichter said. "But you can't believe the feeling I have."

Forget the fact that the Colts lost the battle with the Patriots. In the broadest sense, Schlichter won the war. He completed 16 of 32 passes for 188 yards, turned in a 13-yard touchdown run and a 13-yard touchdown pass, and was the game's leading rusher with 59 yards in four carries. But most important, the former All-America from Ohio State had made it back.

"You have to know what he was like before to appreciate where he is now," Colts quarterbacks coach Zeke Bratkowski said. "We probably saw the worst side of him when we first got him."

The Colts, then in Baltimore, picked Schlichter in the first round of the 1982 NFL draft, the fourth player selected overall. But he was deteriorating rapidly. The lean, swift, 6-3, 200-pounder with the cannon glued to his shoulder weighed a sluggish 220 pounds and had a sore arm. The impending players' strike granted him a reprieve.

"I was in terrible shape," Schlichter said, "and I had just gotten progressively worse."

He sought help—in a manner of speaking. He approached several Ohio State alumni for financial help. Ultimately, Gil Kirk, a Columbus, O., businessman, became his adviser, confidant and friend.

"Several people had approached me to help Art get a loan," Kirk said. "It didn't take long before I realized it was just a facade. He just wanted to get money out of me for gambling, and I began to realize what a serious problem he had."

The suspension saved him. "Otherwise, he would have been a total washout and nobody would have known why," Kirk said.

Schlichter began psychiatric therapy for his gambling addiction. And he began to change. He admits that he had become increasingly difficult to get along with since his freshman year at Ohio State.

"It was just a flaw in my personality," Schlichter said. "I never paid much attention to what was going on around me. Only what was involving me."

As Schlichter's therapy gradually progressed, his attorney and Kirk worked on paying off the quarterback's debts. Then they put Schlichter on an allowance, a tough but necessary move for a first-round draft choice who did not know how to handle money.

It's all part of Schlichter's transformation.

"When I first met Art, he was like a young teen-ager," Kirk said. "He was 95 percent child, 5 percent adult. Now I would say he's 75 percent adult."

And 100 percent quarterback. No longer is he the child prodigy edging his way out the door from team meetings or snoozing his way through quarterback meetings and film sessions. Now he is the yuppie quarterback carrying a briefcase to and from the stadium. He the first player on the field and the last one off.

"You almost have to drag him off the field," Bratkowski said. "He wants to stay out there and work. He wants everything so bad. We're trying to slow him down."

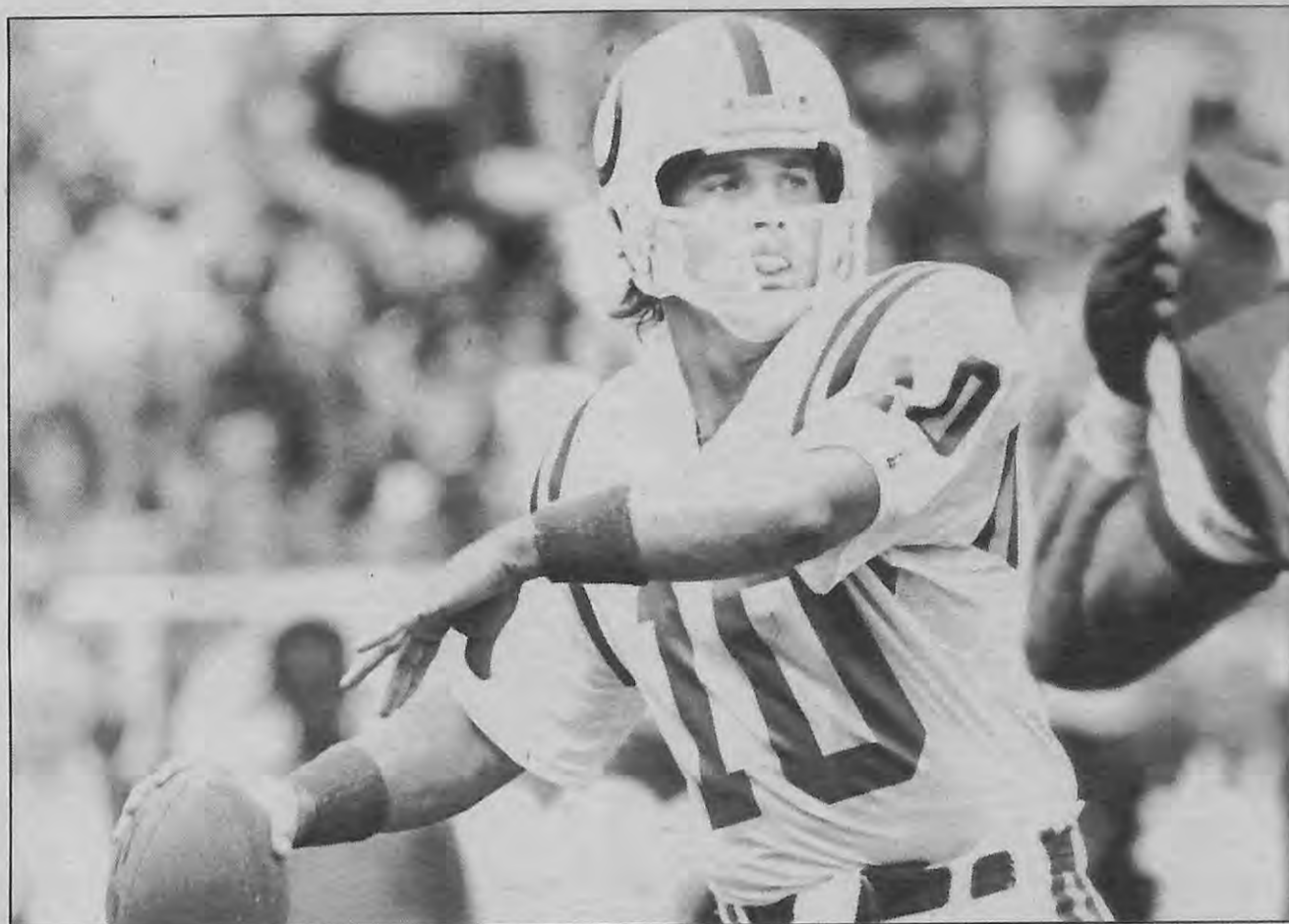
"He has that great natural talent and ad-lib ability. What we're trying to do is establish the regimentation to go along with it."

Schlichter is excited because now, instead of just playing football, he is beginning to understand it. He sees the potential that once warranted comparisons with Roger Staubach.

"I learned more my first two weeks of training camp than the rest of my career," he said.

In many respects, his energetic, happy-go-lucky personality supersedes his talents. Schlichter glows with electricity. His charisma has gripped Indianapolis more than any other aspect of the team since it moved from Baltimore.

Fellow quarterbacks Mark Herrmann, who grew up in Indiana, and Mike Pagel have suffered the fans' wrath in the wake of "We want Art" chants. When the Indianapolis Star polled



Art Schlichter . . . A triumphant return.

fans for their choice of a starting quarterback, Schlichter garnered more votes than Pagel and Herrmann combined.

"He's got a lot of energy and confidence about him," Colts Coach Frank Kush said. "You can't coach that. You can only hope it rubs off."

After taking over for Pagel in the second half and guiding the Colts to final field goal in a 9-5 victory over the New York Jets on November 11, Schlichter seemed the obvious starter for the New England game.

But Kush kept his decision under wraps until game time to spare Schlichter the pressure of dealing with reporters before the game. About 15,000 "Start Art" fliers hit downtown Indianapolis the Friday before the game, and a thunderous burst of applause greeted his pregame introduction.

Schlichter believed he was ready.

"They've been protecting me," Schlichter said. "It's not that

Mike and Mark don't have it, but I'd like to add some leadership that we obviously need. Maybe I can add some stability to the quarterback situation."

Stability. The word stung with irony. Though Schlichter oozes confidence, the weekly therapy sessions for his addiction clearly keep his progress in perspective. "This is a stigma I'll have to deal with the rest of my life," Schlichter said.

But that doesn't mean he can't enjoy his success along the road to recovery. For Schlichter, the afternoon with the press was the culmination of months of rehabilitation and hard work.

"It's taken a lot of perseverance by myself, my adviser, my parents and my family," Schlichter said. "You know, without that support group, I couldn't have made it."

"To think of where I was last year at this time during the season to being able to start a game and do things, well, you can't believe the feeling I have."

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Week 11: 11/11

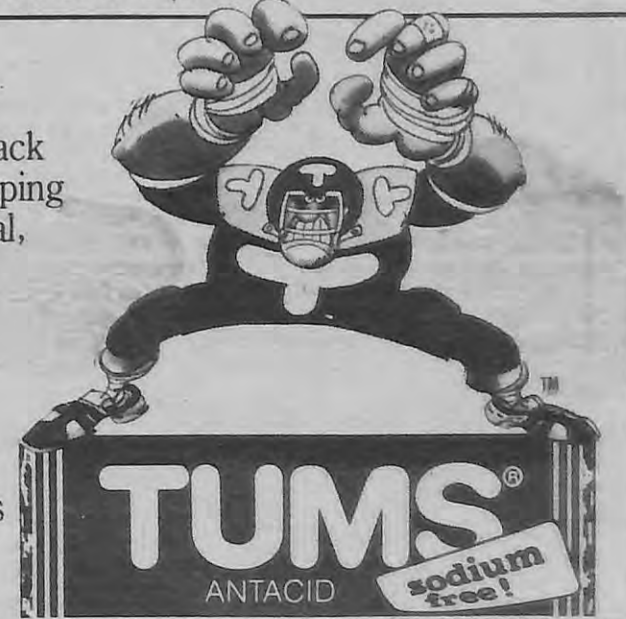
Lewis Breeden

The Cincinnati Bengals, led by cornerback Lewis Breeden #34 with two drive-stopping interceptions defeated their division rival, the Pittsburgh Steelers 22-20.

Week 12: 11/18

Mark Haynes

The Giants' cornerback #36, Mark Haynes neutralized the powerful St. Louis offense with two interceptions in New York's 16-10 victory over the Cardinals.



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Cowboys 20, Patriots 17

The Drive: After the Patriots tied the game with 1:58 left, the Cowboys took over on their own 39. The field position was aided by a squib kick that tight end Brian Salonen returned 22 yards. New England Coach Raymond Berry called the kick "a coaching mistake."

Dallas drove down the field and continued to pass while in field-goal range. Coach Tom Landry wanted running plays, but quarterback Danny White called audibles. "That (passing) worried me," Landry said. "But Danny was pumped up. He said we could keep the momentum by throwing the ball, that things were open because they were playing zone. He was checking off at the line of scrimmage and you can't take the initiative away from the quarterback."

Added Berry, "I really don't know what our defense was doing in that last series."

The Quotes: Landry on the Dallas defense, which sacked New England quarter-

back Tony Eason 10 times: "I don't see how it could have played much better."

Landry on his team's character: "We knew we played badly last week. If an athlete's worth anything at all, he's going to play well in this situation. I had some doubts after Buffalo. But this was a great gut-check for us."

Notable: The Cowboys are 13-3-1 in Thanksgiving Day games and 15-1 in games immediately following . . . Dallas guard Kurt Petersen left with a twisted knee and was replaced by John Hunt. . . . Even though John Warren was re-signed, Danny White punted, because the Dallas coaches believed he could keep the ball away from Irving Fryar. White, back at quarterback after a two-week absence, was 21-for-41 passing for 288 yards. . . . Rafael Septien has hit 41 of his last 42 field-goal attempts inside the 40. . . . Tony Dorsett was 21 yards away from his seventh career 1,000-yard season. That will tie him with Jim Brown for second on the all-time list. Dorsett had 11,848 all-purpose yards, 217 behind 14th-place Abner Haynes.

Seahawks 27, Broncos 24

The Heroes: Seattle quarterback Dave Krieg passed for 406 yards and receiver Steve Largent caught 12 passes for 191 yards. Largent moved into 10th place on the all-time receiving list with 526 catches and is 16 behind Lance Alworth. He also has caught passes in 104 consecutive games, the fourth-longest streak in history.

Said Denver cornerback Louis Wright of Largent, "I really don't know how he does it. He just gets open and the quarterback gets him the ball."

"The strength of the Broncos' defense is that they play such a good zone cover," said Largent. "I feel one of my strengths is to work in underneath, inside the cornerback. A lot of our catches were made inside and were really off broken pass routes. You have to credit David Krieg for finding the open receiver and making a play out of something that wasn't there."

Said Krieg, "Twenty-seven to twenty-four.

Those are better numbers than my statistics. The key was our offensive line gave me excellent protection today."

The Quotes: Denver kicker Rich Karlis on missing a 25-yard field-goal attempt with 39 seconds remaining that would have tied the game: "The bottom line is that was a simple kick and I missed and I shouldn't have missed it. I feel real bad about it. I'm hurting right now and I know my teammates are hurting. I just wish I could've given it to them today."

Broncos Coach Dan Reeves on the loss: "We're still tied and we have control over what happens to us. Now we have to do the same thing Seattle did. They came into a tough place to win and did the things they had to do."

Notable: Krieg hit Daryl Turner on an 80-yard touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage. . . . Seattle cornerback Dave Brown picked off his 39th career pass, making him the league's active leader.

Raiders 21, Colts 7

The Defense: For the second consecutive week, the Raiders held their opponent under 200 yards total offense. The previous week, Kansas City managed just 182 yards, and the Colts totaled only 158 despite the return of injured running back Curtis Dickey.

Said tackle Howie Long, "Defensively, we dominated them, but we've done that the last two weeks. Our offense is having problems. I don't know what they are because I don't know anything about the offense. But I'm sure whatever is going wrong will get righted or we'll have our problems against the Dolphins."

The Colts' only touchdown came as the result of a muffed punt by Greg Pruitt. Don Bailey recovered for Indianapolis on the Raiders' one-yard line, and Randy McMillan then scored. Said Coach Frank Kush, "We wanted to try to run the ball. We wanted to keep the ball away from them. We got stuffed on both sides of the line."

The Offense: While the Raiders were able to run the ball effectively for the second consecutive week, the passing game was inconsistent. Quarterback Marc Wilson played without tape on the thumb he had injured against Chicago.

"Offensively, we played well at times," Wilson said, "but there still are a lot of inconsistencies. Every time we got something going, a penalty or sack disrupted the drive. We wanted to put more points on the board. Nobody is as frustrated or concerned as the offensive players."

Wilson was sacked six times, with linebacker Johnnie Cooks getting credit for 4½ traps. Starting left guard Curt Marsh was thrown out of the game in the second quarter for fighting and was replaced by Charley Hannah.

Notable: Raiders linebacker Matt Millen missed his fourth game with a groin injury. . . . Pruitt muffed two other punts in addition to the one that led to the Colts' score.



Larry Moriarty: "What does it feel like to die?"

Browns 27, Oilers 10

The Little Guy: Browns receiver Brian Brennan scored his first two NFL touchdowns and said he was motivated by former teammate Doug Flutie's performance for Boston College two days before the game. "It sent a little adrenaline through my system," Brennan said.

Brennan and Flutie are alike in that everyone always told them they were too short to play football. Said Brennan, "I think I have great desire. There's not many 5-10 guys in the league. I'm not the fastest in the league, either. I do it by desire and hard work."

The Quotes: Houston running back Larry Moriarty was carried off the field with 14:42 left because of a pinched nerve in his neck. Moriarty didn't know he gained seven yards on the play he was hurt. "I thought I was stopped cold," he said. "I know I'm not severely hurt now, but . . . I was very frightened. Things were running through my head—like, what does it feel like to die? I knew

what I was doing, but I don't know where I was."

Cleveland Coach Marty Schottenheimer on his club's special teams: "I would be remiss if I didn't mention our kickoff coverage team. They were excellent. That's the way you have to do it in this business. It's an attitude. It's between your ears. I don't want us to be the best offensive team and I don't want us to be the best defensive team in the league, but I want us to have the best special teams because they're made up of players on both offense and defense. I know special teams. I stole money in this league for six years playing them."

Notable: Strong safety Keith Bostic's 22-yard return of a fumble was the first touchdown scored by the Houston defense this season. . . . Houston guard Pat Howell suffered a dislocated elbow. . . . Two Cleveland scores in the second quarter were set up by interceptions on deflected passes. . . . Oilers punter John James (1,071 punts) is one behind all-time leader Jerrel Wilson.

Steelers 52, Chargers 24

The Huddle Play: John Stallworth was having fun at the expense of the San Diego secondary and on two occasions convinced Mark Malone to change the play. The result was two touchdowns of five and 45 yards that put the game out of reach. "They don't play the ball well," Stallworth said. "We saw that on the films."

On the five-yarder, Coach Chuck Noll wanted to call a trap play, but Stallworth told Malone he could beat his man on a hook. Noll told Malone to run the trap first and then the hook. Malone told Noll, "Stall will be real upset if we score on the trap." Noll grinned and said, "OK, run the hook first."

The next time Pittsburgh had the ball, Malone called a draw from the San Diego 45. Stallworth looked disgusted and said, "I can beat this guy (John Turner) on a takeoff." Realizing that Stallworth was "adamant about it," Malone changed the play.

The Blocking: The Steelers rushed for

202 yards, and each member of the offensive line received a game ball. Said running back Walter Abercrombie, who had the first 100-yard game of his career, "I give all the credit to the offensive line."

"It's the best blocking in my five years here," said running back Frank Pollard.

Notable: Chargers quarterback Dan Fouts left with 1:57 remaining in the first half because of a groin injury. Said Coach Don Coryell, "It looks bad." . . . Malone completed 11 consecutive passes at one point, and with a completion percentage of 81.8 (18-for-22) set a team record. . . . With his 154th career victory, Noll moved into a tie with Steve Owen for seventh place on the all-time list. . . . Pittsburgh linebacker Bryan Hinkle suffered a sprained knee. . . . The 52 points were the most the Steelers have scored under Noll, the most in Three Rivers Stadium and the most in the NFL this season. . . . This was Pittsburgh's first game this season without a turnover.

Rams 34, Buccaneers 33

Running Wild: Eric Dickerson rushed for 191 yards, 142 in the second half, and two long runs gave the Rams their come-from-behind win.

A 51-yard dash on the first play of the fourth quarter set up a one-yard run by Jeff Kemp that cut Tampa Bay's lead to 26-24. After a Henry Ellard punt return put the Rams on the Tampa Bay 42-yard line, Dickerson exploded up the middle two plays later for a 33-yard touchdown and the go-ahead points.

Said Bucs nose tackle David Logan, "He's a pure runner. It's hard to contain a man like that for 60 minutes. Take away the two long runs and the game is in our favor."

"They're not the best I've ever played," Dickerson said of the Bucs' defense. "They have a good defense, but they have to try to become more consistent. Our offensive line kind of dominated them."

The Quotes: Bucs quarterback Steve

DeBerg on an interception in the final minute: "I got hit by (Jack) Youngblood. I didn't see him coming and he caught me just before I released the ball. I could have taken a sack or thrown the ball away if I had seen him coming at me."

Leading 26-24, the Bucs botched a snap and were forced to punt. Said DeBerg, "Fumbled snaps just absolutely should never happen—and this is the second in two weeks. The one today, Steve (Wilson) thought he heard a 'hut.' He started to snap it and realized it was too early. He double-clutched it, and that caused it to hit my bottom hand."

Bucs Coach John McKay, informed that Dickerson was held to 49 yards in the first half: "That's the history of this team. We can contain anyone for a little while."

Notable: The Bucs failed to convert the extra point after their first touchdown. A holding penalty on tight end Mark Witte nullified a successful kick, and Obed Ariri's second attempt was blocked by Gary Jeter.

Bengals 35, Falcons 14

The Big Plays: On the fourth play of the game, Turk Schonert connected with Cris Collinsworth on a 57-yard touchdown pass. Then, nine seconds into the second quarter, Robert Jackson intercepted a Mike Moroski pass and returned it 28 yards for a score. That gave Cincinnati a 21-0 lead.

Said Bengals Coach Sam Wyche, "Robert was laying in the woods waiting for the ball."

Collinsworth beat James Britt on his touchdown on a play that was changed at the line of scrimmage. Said Collinsworth, "I drew a blank when he (Schonert) first called the audible. I just stood there and blinked my eyes. Finally, it made sense and I ran the route."

"It was a perfect pass," Britt said. "There was nothing I could do."

The Quotes: Schonert on Schonert: "Statistically, I guess this is my best game, but mentally it wasn't. I made two, maybe three mental mistakes that hurt us."

Wyche on Schonert: "Turk played a smart game, but a couple of times he forced the football."

Wyche on failing to gain ground on the Steelers: "I don't have that jubilant feeling. I don't have the feeling I'd have if I looked up there and saw San Diego won the ball game."

Falcons Coach Dan Henning: "We made two critical turnovers to give them 14 points. But we came out in the second half and made some plays on offense we haven't made in some time. We didn't give up."

Atlanta defensive tackle Gary Burley, a former Bengal, didn't have much to say. "I used to be quick with one-liners," he said, "but I've used them all now."

Notable: Schonert's completion percentage of 86.96 (20-for-23) ranks fourth in league history. . . . Cincinnati kicker Jim Breech missed a 51-yard field-goal attempt that stopped his streak of 11 consecutive field goals. . . . Atlanta's Cliff Benson suffered a sprained knee.

Redskins 41, Bills 14

The Return: Redskins receiver Charlie Brown returned to the lineup for the first time in two months and it was just what the doctor ordered for the offense. Art Monk (11-104), Brown (4-68) and Calvin Muhammad (4-97), Washington's wide receivers, combined for 19 receptions for 269 yards. Quarterback Joe Theismann completed just seven other passes for 42 yards.

Said Muhammad, "Theismann was very sharp today. He totally took over. He changed some of my routes in the huddle after he had already called the play. He's never done that before. With Charlie in there, they don't know who to double-cover."

Commenting on Monk, who has 82 catches for the season, Theismann said, "Art's Mr. Steady, Mr. Sensational, Mr. Terrific. He is definitely our most valuable player on offense this year."

Said Coach Joe Gibbs, "When you've got Art, Calvin and Charlie Brown to look at, it

makes you feel great."

When Brown scored a touchdown early in the second quarter, he knelt on one knee in the end zone. "I prayed thanks to God for getting me back healthy," Brown said.

The Quote: Bills Coach Kay Stephenson on Washington's offense: "I think that they are the best offensive team we played this year, although it's tough to choose between the Redskins today and the Miami Dolphins."

Notable: Washington scored on five of its six first-half drives. . . . Running back John Riggins left early with a stiff back but scored his 106th career touchdown to move out of a third-place tie with Don Hutson. . . . Redskins defensive tackle Dave Butz missed his first game in five years because of an intestinal virus.

Buffalo safety Steve Freeman pulled a hamstring, and Washington linebacker Mel Kaufman sprained his neck. . . . With 27,538 yards passing, Bills quarterback Joe Ferguson is 125 behind 16th-place Joe Namath.

Lions 31, Packers 28

Ball Control: The Lions controlled the ball for just under three quarters and in the second half had a time of possession of 25:27 to Green Bay's 4:33.

Said Packers Coach Forrest Gregg, "It was probably the worst 60 minutes of defensive football I've seen. It was horrible. You can't coast or glide in this league or you'll get your teeth kicked out, and that's what happened to us today. At the half, I told our guys we were in for it. I told them that now Detroit would be pumped up. Obviously, our defense didn't do anything about it."

The Packers took an early 14-0 lead, but Detroit was undeterred. "Even when it was 14-0, I still thought we'd be able to run the ball and mix it up," quarterback Gary Danielson said. "The key was not to fall way behind and just have to throw. I wasn't throwing right on early, but I was able to loosen some seams."

The Quotes: Lions defensive tackle Doug English compared Coach Monte Clark's pregame speech to a college atmosphere "where the coach comes in accusing the other coach of nailing your mascot to the dressing room door."

Detroit tight end David Lewis, recently called a "stiff" by Danielson: "We talked about that. We got it all straightened out. Our relationship is good. I feel redemption today." He caught two scoring passes from Danielson.

Notable: Green Bay center Larry McCarren's playing streak ended at 162 games. Nerve damage in his shoulder made it difficult for him to snap the ball. Asked if he could have extended the streak by entering for one play, McCarren said, "It wouldn't have meant anything." . . . Packers quarterback Lynn Dickey left in the fourth quarter after being poked in the eye. . . . Danielson suggested that backup Mike Machurek heave the Hail Mary pass at the end of the first half that was good for 48 yards to Mark Nichols and set up a last-second field goal, enabling the Lions to go to halftime trailing 21-17.



Ron Jaworski's leg was broken on this sack by Curtis Greer (75).

Cardinals 17, Eagles 16

The Big Plays: After falling behind with 1:10 left, the Cardinals took over on their own 28-yard line. Quarterback Neil Lomax hit Roy Green for 11 yards on first down and came back with the same play to Green later in the drive on 4th-and-6 from the Philadelphia 43.

"It's a delay," Green said. "I read whether they're in a zone or man-to-man. In that situation, they were in zone so I tried to split it, catch the ball and make as many yards as possible."

Said Lomax of the fourth-down success, "I told Roy, 'Let's go back to what we did before.' I told (tight end) Doug Marsh to be sure to clear out the linebackers. He did his job."

The first down put the ball at the Eagles' 34 and Lomax hit Danny Pittman for eight yards to get in range for kicker Neil O'Donoghue. Pittman replaced Cedric Mack, who asked out of the game after dropping a pass. The Eagles called timeout prior to O'Donoghue's kick, but that was fine with the kicker.

"More than anything, that gave us the opportunity to get organized," O'Donoghue said. "I've been in that situation enough times that it really didn't matter."

The Quote: St. Louis safety Benny Perlin: "Maybe this will wake us up and be like a cold slap in the face."

Notable: Eagles quarterback Ron Jaworski suffered a broken fibula on the third play of the game when Curtis Greer fell on his left ankle while sacking him. Jaworski, who was replaced by Joe Pisarcik, will miss the rest of the season. He had started 116 consecutive games, the longest streak among active NFL quarterbacks.

O'Donoghue has kicked three game-winning field goals this season in the final 10 seconds. . . . With 6,373 rushing yards, Wilbert Montgomery has passed Floyd Little on the all-time rushing list and is 100 behind 18th-place Mike Pruitt, currently on the Browns' injured reserve list.

Bears 34, Vikings 3

The Title: The Bears clinched the NFC Central Division title, their first championship of any kind since winning the NFL title in 1963. They tied Minnesota for the division title in 1977, but the Vikings won by a tie-breaker.

Said defensive tackle Jim Osborne, "It's appropriate to win it here (in Minnesota) after all the years the Vikings had a jinx on us."

"Chicago's a great team, a championship team and the best team we've played to date," Minnesota Coach Les Steckel said.

Said Bears Coach Mike Ditka, "I think it's important that this game belongs to the man who deserves it most, and that is Mr. Halas. Somewhere he is smiling."

The Defense: The Bears had been allowing an average of just 242 yards a game and gave up only 161 to the Vikings.

"Their defense is great," Minnesota quarterback Wade Wilson said. "They have great personnel, and they are really aggressive."

Most important, it seems like they're having so much fun out there."

Said Bears running back Walter Payton, "I'm so glad I'm playing with them and not against them."

Notable: Payton broke the NFL record for career rushing attempts. With 2,967, he passed Franco Harris. . . . Chicago quarterback Steve Fuller left in the third quarter after being kicked in the leg. . . . Chicago has scored in the first quarter of each of its games. . . . With 1,605 career points, Minnesota kicker Jan Stenerud is three behind second-place Lou Groza. . . . Chicago receiver Dennis McKinnon, injured the week before against Detroit, was scheduled for arthroscopic knee surgery November 26. . . . Minnesota injuries: Running backs Ted Brown and Maurice Turner and receiver Dwight Collins suffered mild shoulder separations, and linebacker Fred McNeill suffered bruised ribs. . . . Minnesota was outscored 121-41 in its last three games.

Giants 28, Chiefs 27

The Comeback: A 34-yard touchdown pass from Bill Kenney to Carlos Carson gave the Chiefs a 27-14 lead with 9:18 left and Giants fans began heading for the exits. Phil Simms then took the Giants on touchdown drives of 90 and 80 yards.

"I told him (Simms) that this was his finest hour—his finest half-hour," said Coach Bill Parcells. "I told you we're not going to die. Everybody gave up on us. The people in the stands gave up on us. You guys gave up on us. We have 49 guys who wouldn't give up."

"We always play better when we're scared," said linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

Said running back Rob Carpenter: "We should take away season tickets from the people who left early."

"Maybe they went to get hot dogs," linebacker Harry Carson said.

Said guard Chris Godfrey, "After we did it, we had one of those 'I-told-you-so' attitudes. It was very good to see we broke the tradition.

People leave when the game is over, but that wasn't necessarily so today."

The Quotes: Kansas City cornerback Albert Lewis on the Giants' 21-point second half: "We played a lot of downs. They were putting it up there the whole second half. It's tough; we got tired." The Giants ran 81 plays to the Chiefs' 59.

Simms was 10-for-21 for 106 yards and three interceptions in the first half, but 14-for-20 for 218 yards in the second half. "I think it was just me," he said. "In the first half, I was not able to throw it the way I wanted. In the second half, we did what we wanted to because I threw the ball better."

Notable: Giants tight end Zeke Mowatt, who caught a three-yard pass for the winning touchdown, had five receptions in the fourth quarter and finished with seven for 126 yards. . . . Giants punt returner Phil McConkey suffered four broken ribs. . . . Chiefs defensive end Mike Bell left with a sore knee, and linebacker Gary Spani suffered a sprained ankle.



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AIR FORCE ACADEMY Colorado Springs, Colo.	
Sept. 1 San Diego State†	34 16
Sept. 8 Northern Colorado†	75 7
Sept. 15 Wyoming	20 26
Sept. 22 Utah*	17 28
Sept. 29 Colorado State†	52 10
Oct. 6 Navy†	29 22
Oct. 13 Notre Dame	21 7
Oct. 20 Brigham Young†	25 30
Nov. 3 Army	12 24
Nov. 10 New Mexico*	23 9
Nov. 24 Texas-El Paso*	38 12

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF Tuscaloosa, Ala.	
Sept. 8 Boston College†	31 38
Sept. 15 Georgia Tech	6 16
Sept. 22 Southern Louisiana	37 14
Sept. 29 Vanderbilt†	21 30
Oct. 6 Georgia†	14 24
Oct. 13 Penn State†	6 0
Oct. 20 Tennessee	27 28
Nov. 3 Mississippi State†	24 20
Nov. 10 Louisiana State†	14 16
Nov. 17 Cincinnati	29 7
Dec. 1 Auburn*	20 23
†Jackson, Miss.	
*Birmingham, Ala.	

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF Tucson, Ariz.	
Sept. 1 Fresno State*	22 27
Sept. 8 California†	23 13
Sept. 15 Oregon State*	27 8
Sept. 22 Louisiana State*	26 27
Sept. 29 Long Beach State†	31 24
Oct. 6 Oregon†	28 14
Oct. 20 Southern California	14 17
Oct. 27 Washington	12 28
Nov. 3 Utah State†	45 10
Nov. 10 Stanford†	28 14
Nov. 24 Arizona State†	16 10
†Portland, Ore.	

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY Tempe, Ariz.	
Sept. 8 Oklahoma State*	3 45
Sept. 15 San Jose State*	48 0
Sept. 22 Southern California†	3 6
Sept. 29 Stanford	28 10
Oct. 6 California†	14 19
Oct. 20 Oregon State†	45 10
Oct. 27 UCLA†	13 21
Nov. 3 Florida State†	44 52
Nov. 10 Oregon	44 10
Nov. 17 Colorado State†	45 14
Nov. 24 Arizona*	10 16

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF Fayetteville, Ark.	
Sept. 15 Mississippi†	14 14
Sept. 22 Tulsa†	18 9
Sept. 29 Navy†	33 10
Oct. 6 Texas Christian†	31 32
Oct. 13 Texas Tech†	24 0
Oct. 20 Texas	18 24
Oct. 27 Houston	17 3
Nov. 3 Rice†	28 6
Nov. 10 Baylor	14 9
Nov. 17 Texas A&M†	28 0
Nov. 24 Southern Methodist	28 31
†Little Rock, Ark.	

ARMY (U.S. Military Academy) West Point, N.Y.	
Sept. 15 Colgate†	41 15
Sept. 22 Tennessee	24 24
Sept. 29 Duke†	13 9
Oct. 6 Harvard†	33 11
Oct. 13 Rutgers†	7 14
Oct. 20 Pennsylvania†	48 13
Oct. 27 Syracuse	16 27
Nov. 3 Air Force†	24 12
Nov. 10 Boston College	31 45
Nov. 17 Montana*	45 31
Dec. 1 Navy†	13 42
†East Rutherford, N.J.	
*Tokyo, Japan	
†Philadelphia, Pa.	

AUBURN UNIVERSITY Auburn, Ala.	
Aug. 27 Miami, Florida†	18 20
Sept. 15 Texas*	27 35
Sept. 22 Southern Mississippi†	35 12
Sept. 29 Tennessee	29 10
Oct. 6 Mississippi	17 13
Oct. 13 Florida State*	42 41
Oct. 20 Georgia Tech†	48 34
Oct. 27 Mississippi State	24 21
Nov. 3 Florida	3 24
Nov. 10 Cincinnati†	60 0
Nov. 17 Georgia†	21 12
Dec. 1 Alabama*	23 20
†East Rutherford, N.J.	
*Birmingham, Ala.	

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY Waco, Texas	
Sept. 8 Brigham Young	13 47
Sept. 22 Oklahoma	15 34
Sept. 29 Texas Tech*	18 9
Oct. 6 Houston†	17 27
Oct. 13 Southern Methodist†	20 24
Oct. 20 Texas A&M	20 16
Oct. 27 Texas Christian	28 38
Nov. 3 New Mexico†	38 2
Nov. 10 Arkansas†	9 14
Nov. 17 Rice	46 40
Nov. 24 Texas†	24 10

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, Mass.	
Sept. 1 Western Carolina†	44 24
Sept. 8 Alabama†	38 31
Sept. 22 North Carolina†	52 20
Oct. 13 Temple†	24 10
Oct. 20 West Virginia	20 21
Oct. 27 Rutgers†	35 23
Nov. 3 Penn State	30 37
Nov. 10 Army†	45 31
Nov. 17 Syracuse†	24 16
Nov. 23 Miami, Fla.	47 45
Dec. 1 Holy Cross	47 7
†Friboro, Mass.	

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY Bowling Green, Ohio	
Sept. 8 Richmond†	55 28
Sept. 15 Oklahoma State	14 31
Sept. 22 Miami, Ohio	41 10
Sept. 29 Eastern Michigan†	35 27
Oct. 6 Toledo*	6 17
Oct. 13 Western Michigan†	34 7
Oct. 20 Northern Illinois†	28 6
Oct. 27 Central Michigan	21 42
Nov. 3 Ball State	38 13
Nov. 10 Ohio†	28 7
Nov. 17 Kent State	27 10

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY Provo, Utah	
Sept. 1 Pittsburgh	20 14
Sept. 8 Baylor†	47 13
Sept. 15 Tulsa†	38 15
Sept. 22 Hawaii*	18 13
Oct. 6 Colorado State	52 9
Oct. 13 Wyoming†	41 38
Oct. 20 Air Force	30 25
Oct. 25 New Mexico*	48 0
Nov. 3 Texas-El Paso†	42 9
Nov. 10 San Diego State†	34 3
Nov. 17 Utah	24 14
Nov. 24 Utah State†	38 13

CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF Berkeley, Calif.	
Sept. 8 Arizona*	13 23
Sept. 15 Pacific, California†	28 12
Sept. 22 Oregon†	14 21
Sept. 29 San Jose State†	18 33
Oct. 6 Arizona State*	19 14
Oct. 13 Oregon State	6 9
Oct. 20 UCLA†	14 17
Oct. 27 Southern Cal	7 31
Nov. 3 Washington	14 44
Nov. 10 Washington State†	7 33
Nov. 17 Stanford†	10 27

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	
Sept. 1 Northern Michigan†	45 22
Sept. 15 East Carolina†	17 12
Sept. 22 Western Michigan†	38 19
Sept. 29 Kent State	14 10
Oct. 6 Eastern Michigan*	16 16
Oct. 13 Ohio†	35 3
Oct. 20 Miami, Ohio	10 9
Oct. 27 Bowling Green†	42 21
Nov. 3 Northern Illinois	7 8
Nov. 10 Ball State†	51 7
Nov. 17 Toledo†	7 14

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY Clemson, S.C.	
Sept. 1 Appalachian State†	40 7
Sept. 8 Virginia	55 0
Sept. 22 Georgia	23 26
Sept. 29 Georgia Tech	21 28
Oct. 6 North Carolina†	20 12
Oct. 20 Duke†	54 21
Oct. 27 North Carolina State	35 34
Nov. 3 Wake Forest†	37 14
Nov. 10 Virginia Tech†	17 10
Nov. 17 Maryland	23 41
Nov. 24 South Carolina	21 22

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF Boulder, Colo.	
Sept. 8 Michigan State†	21 24
Sept. 15 Oregon	20 27
Sept. 22 Notre Dame	14 55
Sept. 29 UCLA†	16 33
Oct. 6 Missouri	7 52
Oct. 13 Iowa State†	23 21
Oct. 20 Nebraska†	7 24
Oct. 27 Oklahoma State	14 20
Nov. 3 Kansas†	27 28
Nov. 10 Oklahoma†	17 42
Nov. 17 Kansas State	6 38

DUKE UNIVERSITY Durham, N.C.	
Sept. 8 Indiana†	31 24
Sept. 22 South Carolina*	0 21
Sept. 29 Army	9 13
Oct. 6 Virginia†	10 38
Oct. 13 Virginia Tech	0 27
Oct. 20 Clemson	21 54
Oct. 27 Maryland†	7 43
Nov. 3 Georgia Tech	3 31
Nov. 10 Wake Forest†	16 20
Nov. 17 North Carolina State	16 13
Nov. 24 North Carolina†	15 17

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY Greenville, N.C.	
Sept. 1 Florida State*	17 48
Sept. 8 Temple†	0 17
Sept. 15 Central Michigan	12 17
Sept. 22 Georgia Southern†	34 27
Sept. 29 North Carolina State*	22 31
Oct. 6 Pittsburgh	10 17
Oct. 13 Tulsa*	20 31
Oct. 20 East Tennessee State†	24 6
Oct. 27 South Carolina	20 42
Nov. 3 Southwest Louisiana	24 42
Sept. 10 Southern Mississippi	27 31

FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF Gainesville, Fla.	
Sept. 1 Miami, Fla.†	20 32
Sept. 8 Louisiana State†	21 21
Sept. 15 Tulane†	63 21
Sept. 29 Mississippi State†	27 12
Oct. 6 Syracuse†	16 0
Oct. 13 Tennessee	43 30
Oct. 20 Cincinnati†	48 17
Nov. 3 Auburn†	24 3
Nov. 10 Georgia*	27 0
Nov. 17 Kentucky	25 17
Dec. 1 Florida State*	53 14
†Tampa, Fla.	
*Jacksonville, Fla.	

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, Fla.	
Sept. 1 East Carolina†	48 17
Sept. 15 Kansas	42 16
Sept. 22 Miami, Fla.	38 3
Sept. 29 Temple†	44 27
Oct. 6 Memphis State*	17 17
Oct. 13 Auburn†	41 42
Oct. 20 Tulane†	27 6
Nov. 3 Arizona State*	52 44
Nov. 10 South Carolina	26 38
Nov. 17 Tennessee Chattanooga†	37 0
Dec. 1 Florida†	14 53

FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY Fresno, Calif.	
Sept. 1 Arizona*	27 22
Sept. 8 Boise State*	37 21
Sept. 15 California Poly SLO†	14 0
Sept. 22 Long Beach State†	20 17
Sept. 29 New Mexico State†	53 24
Oct. 6 Hawaii*	15 27
Oct. 20 Utah State†	43 18
Oct. 27 San Jose State*	17 18
Nov. 3 Fullerton State	17 23
Nov. 10 Pacific, Cal.†	6 24
Nov. 17 Montana State†	31 35
Nov. 24 Nevada-Las Vegas*	7 20

GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF Athens, Ga.	
Sept. 8 Southern Mississippi†	26 19
Sept. 22 Clemson†	26 23
Sept. 29 South Carolina*	10 17
Oct. 6 Alabama	24 14
Oct. 13 Mississippi†	18 12
Oct. 20 Vanderbilt†	62 35
Oct. 27 Kentucky*	37 7
Nov. 3 Memphis State†	13 3
Nov. 10 Florida†	0 27
Nov. 17 Auburn	12 21
Dec. 1 Georgia Tech†	27 24
†Jacksonville, Fla.	

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, Ga.	
Sept. 15 Alabama†	16 6
Sept. 22 Citadel†	48 3
Sept. 29 Clemson†	28 21
Oct. 6 North Carolina State†	22 27
Oct. 13 Virginia*	20 20
Oct. 20 Auburn	34 48
Oct. 27 Tennessee†	21 24
Nov. 3 Duke†	31 3
Nov. 10 North Carolina	17 24
Nov. 17 Wake Forest	24 7
Dec. 1 Georgia	24 27

HOUSTON, UNIVERSITY OF Houston, Texas	
Sept. 15 Miami, Ohio†	30 17
Sept. 22 Washington	7 35
Sept. 29 Louisville†	28 30
Oct. 6 Baylor*	27 17
Oct. 13 Texas A&M†	9 7
Oct. 20 Southern Methodist	29 20
Oct. 27 Arkansas†	3 17
Nov. 3 Texas Christian†	14 21
Nov. 10 Texas	29 15
Nov. 17 Texas Tech	24 17
Dec. 1 Rice†	45 14

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF Champaign, Ill.	
Sept. 1 Northwestern†	24 16
Sept. 8 Missouri†	30 24
Sept. 15 Stanford	19 34
Sept. 22 Michigan State†	40 7
Sept. 29 Iowa	16 21
Oct. 6 Wisconsin†	22 6
Oct. 13 Ohio State	38 45
Oct. 20 Purdue†	34 20
Oct. 27 Michigan	18 26
Nov. 3 Minnesota†	48 3
Nov. 10 Indiana†	34 7
†Indianapolis, Ind.	

INDIANA UNIVERSITY Bloomington, Ind.	
Sept. 8 Duke*	24 31
Sept. 15 Kentucky†	14 48
Sept. 22 Northwestern	37 40
Sept. 29 Michigan†	6 14
Oct. 6 Minnesota†	24 33
Oct. 13 Michigan State	6 13
Oct. 20 Wisconsin†	16 20
Oct. 27 Iowa†	20 24
Nov. 3 Ohio State	7 50
Nov. 10 Illinois†	7 34
Nov. 17 Purdue	24 31
†Indianapolis, Ind.	

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF Iowa City, Iowa	
Sept. 8 Iowa State†	59 21
Sept. 15 Penn State†	17 20
Sept. 22 Ohio State	26 45
Sept. 29 Illinois†	21 16
Oct. 6 Northwestern	31 3
Oct. 13 Purdue	40 3
Oct. 20 Michigan†	26 0
Oct. 27 Indiana	24 20
Nov. 3 Wisconsin†	10 10
Nov. 10 Michigan State†	16 17
Nov. 17 Minnesota*	17 23
Dec. 1 Hawaii*	x x

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY Ames, Iowa	
Sept. 8 Iowa	21 59
Sept. 15 Drake†	21 17
Sept. 22 Texas A&M†	17 38
Sept. 29 West Texas State†	14 0
Oct. 6 Kansas	14 33
Oct. 13 Colorado	21 23
Oct. 20 Oklahoma†	10 12
Oct. 27 Missouri	14 14
Nov. 3 Nebraska†	0 44
Nov. 10 Kansas State†	7 7
Nov. 17 Oklahoma State	10 16

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF Lawrence, Kan.	
Sept. 8 Wichita State†	31 7
Sept. 15 Florida State†	16 42
Sept. 22 Vanderbilt†	6 41
Sept. 29 North Carolina	17 23
Oct. 6 Iowa State†	33 14
Oct. 13 Kansas State	7 24
Oct. 20 Oklahoma State	10 47
Oct. 27 Oklahoma†	28 11
Nov. 3 Colorado	28 27
Nov. 10 Nebraska†	7 21
Nov. 17 Missouri	35 21

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Manhattan, Kan.	
Sept. 8 Vanderbilt*	14 26
Sept. 15 Tennessee Tech†	28 12
Sept. 22 Texas Christian*	10 42
Sept. 29 Oklahoma	6 24
Oct. 6 South Carolina	17 49
Oct. 13 Kansas†	24 7
Oct. 20 Missouri†	21 61
Oct. 27 Nebraska	14 62
Nov. 3 Oklahoma State†	6 34
Nov. 10 Iowa State	7 7
Nov. 17 Colorado†	38 6

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF Lexington, Ky.	
Sept. 8 Kent State†	42 0
Sept. 15 Indiana	48 14
Sept. 22 Tulane*	30 26
Oct. 6 Rutgers*	27 14
Oct. 13 Mississippi State	17 13
Oct. 20 Louisiana State†	10 36
Oct. 27 Georgia†	7 37
Nov. 3 North Texas State†	31 7
Nov. 10 Vanderbilt†	27 18
Nov. 17 Florida†	17 25
Nov. 24 Tennessee	17 12

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY		(8-2-1)
Baton Rouge, La.		Bill Arnsparger
Sept. 8	Florida	21 21
Sept. 15	Wichita State*	47 7
Sept. 22	Arizona*	27 26
Sept. 29	Southern California	23 3
Oct. 13	Vanderbilt*	34 27
Oct. 20	Kentucky*	36 10
Oct. 27	Notre Dame*	22 30
Nov. 3	Mississippi*	32 29
Nov. 10	Alabama	16 14
Nov. 17	Mississippi State	14 16
Nov. 24	Tulane*	33 15

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY		(4-7-1)
San Diego, Calif.	Doug Scovill	
Sept. 1 Air Force	16 34	
Sept. 8 UCLA*	15 18	
Sept. 15 Texas-El Paso*	51 2	
Sept. 22 Oklahoma State	16 19	
Oct. 6 Wyoming	21 0	
Oct. 13 Utah*	24 24	
Oct. 20 Colorado State*	41 24	
Oct. 27 Hawai*	10 16	
Nov. 3 Nevada-Las Vegas*	14 30	
Nov. 10 Brigham Young	3 34	
Nov. 17 New Mexico*	37 31	
Nov. 24 Long Beach State*	17 18	

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY		(5-5-0)
College Station, Texas	Jackie Sherrill	
Sept. 1 Texas-El Paso*	20 17	
Sept. 8 Iowa State*	38 17	
Sept. 15 Arkansas State*	22 21	
Sept. 22 Texas Tech*	12 30	
Oct. 6 Houston*	7 9	
Oct. 13 Baylor*	16 20	
Oct. 20 Rice*	38 14	
Oct. 27 Southern Methodist	20 28	
Nov. 3 Texas Tech	0 28	
Nov. 10 Texas Christian	35 21	
Nov. 17 Texas	13 45	

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF		(10-1-0)
Seattle, Wash.	Don James	
Sept. 8 Northwestern†	26 0	
Sept. 15 Michigan	20 11	
Sept. 22 Houston†	35 7	
Sept. 29 Miami, Ohio†	53 7	
Oct. 6 Oregon State	19 7	
Oct. 13 Stanford	37 15	
Oct. 20 Oregon†	17 10	
Oct. 27 Arizona†	28 12	
Nov. 3 California†	44 14	
Nov. 10 Southern California	7 16	
Nov. 17 Washington State	38 29	

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY		(6-5-0)
Pullman, Wash.	Jim Walden	
Sept. 1 Tennessee	27 34	
Sept. 8 Utah†	42 40	
Sept. 15 Ohio State	0 44	
Sept. 22 Ball State†	16 14	
Oct. 6 Southern California†	27 29	
Oct. 13 UCLA	24 27	
Oct. 20 Stanford	49 42	
Oct. 27 Oregon	50 41	
Nov. 3 Oregon State†	20 3	
Nov. 10 California	33 7	
Nov. 17 Washington†	29 38	

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY		(7-4-0)
Morgantown, W.Va.	Don Nehlen	
Sept. 1 Ohio†	38 0	
Sept. 8 Louisville†	30 6	
Sept. 15 Virginia Tech	14 7	
Sept. 22 Maryland†	17 20	
Sept. 29 Pittsburgh	28 10	
Oct. 6 Syracuse†	20 10	
Oct. 13 Boston College†	21 20	
Oct. 20 Penn State†	17 14	
Oct. 27 Virginia†	7 27	
Nov. 3 Rutgers†	19 23	
Nov. 10 Temple	17 19	
†East Rutherford, N.J.		

WISCONSIN, UNIVERSITY OF		(7-3-1)
Madison, Wis.	Dave McClain	
Sept. 8 Northern Illinois†	27 14	
Sept. 15 Missouri†	35 34	
Sept. 22 Michigan	14 20	
Sept. 29 Northwestern†	31 16	
Oct. 6 Illinois	6 22	
Oct. 13 Minnesota†	14 17	
Oct. 20 Indiana	20 16	
Oct. 27 Ohio State†	16 14	
Nov. 3 Iowa	10 10	
Nov. 10 Purdue†	30 13	
Nov. 17 Michigan State	20 10	

SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF		(10-1-0)
Columbia, S.C.	Joe Morrison	
Sept. 8 Citadel†	31 24	
Sept. 15 Duke†	21 0	
Sept. 22 Georgia†	17 10	
Sept. 29 Kansas State†	45 17	
Oct. 6 Kansas State†	36 32	
Oct. 13 Pittsburgh†	42 20	
Oct. 20 Notre Dame	35 28	
Oct. 27 East Carolina†	38 26	
Nov. 3 North Carolina State	21 38	
Nov. 10 Florida State†	22 21	
Nov. 17 Navy		
Nov. 24 Clemson		

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY		(8-3-0)
Fort Worth, Texas	Jim Wacker	
Sept. 15 Utah State	62 18	
Sept. 22 Kansas State†	42 10	
Sept. 29 Southern Methodist†	17 26	
Oct. 6 Arkansas	32 31	
Oct. 13 Rice†	45 24	
Oct. 20 North Texas State†	34 3	
Oct. 27 Baylor†	38 28	
Nov. 3 Houston†	21 14	
Nov. 10 Texas Tech†	27 16	
Nov. 17 Texas†	23 44	
Nov. 24 Texas A&M	21 35	

ATLANTA FALCONS		(3-10-0)
Head Coach	Dan Henning	
Sept. 2 at New Orleans	36 28	
Sept. 9 DETROIT (OT)	24 27	
Sept. 16 at Minnesota	20 27	
Sept. 23 HOUSTON	42 10	
Sept. 30 at San Francisco	5 14	
Oct. 7 at Los Angeles Rams	30 28	
Oct. 14 NEW YORK GIANTS	7 19	
Oct. 22 LOS ANG. RAMS (Mon.)	10 24	
Oct. 28 at Pittsburgh	10 35	
Nov. 5 at Washington (Monday)	14 27	
Nov. 11 NEW ORLEANS	13 17	
Nov. 18 CLEVELAND	7 23	
Nov. 25 at Cincinnati	14 35	
Dec. 2 SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	
Dec. 9 at Tampa Bay	1:00	
Dec. 16 PHILADELPHIA	4:00	

DETROIT LIONS		(4-8-1)
Head Coach	Monte Clark	
Sept. 2 SAN FRANCISCO	27 30	
Sept. 9 at Atlanta (OT)	27 24	
Sept. 16 at Tampa Bay	17 21	
Sept. 23 MINNESOTA	28 29	
Sept. 30 at San Diego	24 27	
Oct. 7 DENVER	7 28	
Oct. 14 TAMPA BAY (OT)	13 7	
Oct. 21 at Minnesota	16 14	
Oct. 28 at Green Bay	9 41	
Nov. 4 PHILADELPHIA (OT)	23 23	
Nov. 11 at Washington	14 28	
Nov. 18 at Chicago	14 16	
Nov. 22 GREEN BAY (Thanks.)	31 28	
Dec. 2 at Seattle	1:00	
Dec. 10 LOS ANG. RAIDERS (Mon.)	8:00	
Dec. 16 CHICAGO	1:00	

MIAMI DOLPHINS		(11-1-0)
Head Coach	Don Shula	
Sept. 2 at Washington	35 17	
Sept. 9 NEW ENGLAND	28 7	
Sept. 17 at Buffalo (Monday)	21 17	
Sept. 23 INDIANAPOLIS	44 7	
Sept. 30 at St. Louis	36 28	
Oct. 7 at Pittsburgh	31 7	
Oct. 14 HOUSTON	28 10	
Oct. 21 at New England	44 24	
Oct. 28 BUFFALO	38 7	
Nov. 4 at New York Jets	31 17	
Nov. 11 PHILADELPHIA	24 23	
Nov. 18 at New York (OT)	28 34	
Nov. 26 NEW YORK JETS (Monday)	9:00	
Dec. 2 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	4:00	
Dec. 9 at Indianapolis	1:00	
Dec. 17 DALLAS (Monday)	9:00	

PITTSBURGH STEELERS		(7-6-0)
Head Coach	Chuck Noll	
Sept. 2 KANSAS CITY	27 37	
Sept. 9 at New York Jets (Thurs.)	23 17	
Sept. 16 LOS ANGELES RAMS	24 14	
Sept. 23 at Cleveland	10 20	
Oct. 1 CINCINNATI (Monday)	38 17	
Oct. 7 MIAMI	7 31	
Oct. 14 at San Francisco	20 17	
Oct. 21 at Indianapolis	16 17	
Oct. 28 ATLANTA	35 10	
Nov. 4 HOUSTON	35 7	
Nov. 11 at Cincinnati	20 22	
Nov. 19 at New Orleans (Monday)	24 27	
Nov. 26 SAN DIEGO	52 24	
Dec. 2 at Houston	12:00	
Dec. 9 CLEVELAND	1:00	
Dec. 16 at Los Angeles Raiders	1:00	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF		(8-3-0)
Los Angeles, Calif.	Ted Tollner	
Sept. 8 Utah State†	42 7	
Sept. 15 Arizona State†	6 3	
Sept. 22 Louisiana State†	3 23	
Oct. 6 Washington State	29 27	
Oct. 13 Oregon	19 9	
Oct. 20 Arizona†	17 14	
Oct. 27 California†	31 7	
Nov. 3 Stanford	20 11	
Nov. 10 Washington†	16 7	
Nov. 17 UCLA	10 19	
Nov. 24 Notre Dame†	7 19	

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY		(4-7-0)
Lubbock, Texas	Jerry Moore	
Sept. 15 Texas-Arlington†	44 7	
Sept. 22 New Mexico†	24 29	
Sept. 29 Baylor†	9 18	
Oct. 6 Texas A&M	30 12	
Oct. 13 Arkansas†	0 24	
Oct. 20 Rice†	30 10	
Oct. 27 Tulsa†	20 17	
Nov. 3 Texas†	10 13	
Nov. 10 Texas Christian	16 27	
Nov. 17 Southern Methodist†	0 31	
Nov. 24 Houston†	17 24	
†Little Rock, Ark.		

BUFFALO BILLS		(1-12-0)
Head Coach	Key Stephenson	
Sept. 2 NEW ENGLAND	17 21	
Sept. 9 at St. Louis	7 37	
Sept. 17 MIAMI (Monday)	17 21	
Sept. 23 NEW YORK JETS	26 28	
Sept. 30 at Indianapolis	17 31	
Oct. 7 PHILADELPHIA	17 27	
Oct. 14 at Seattle	28 31	
Oct. 21 DENVER	7 37	
Oct. 28 at Miami	7 38	
Nov. 4 CLEVELAND	10 13	
Nov. 11 at New England	10 38	
Nov. 18 DALLAS	14 3	
Nov. 25 at Washington	14 45	
Dec. 2 INDIANAPOLIS	1:00	
Dec. 8 at New York Jets (Sat.)	12:30	
Dec. 16 at Cincinnati	1:00	

GREEN BAY PACKERS		(5-8-0)
Head Coach	Forrest Gregg	
Sept. 2 ST. LOUIS	24 23	
Sept. 9 at Los Angeles Raiders	7 28	
Sept. 16 CHICAGO	7 9	
Sept. 23 at Dallas	6 20	
Sept. 30 at Tampa Bay (OT)	27 30	
Oct. 7 SAN DIEGO	28 34	
Oct. 15 at Denver (Monday)	14 17	
Oct. 21 SEATTLE at Milwaukee	24 30	
Oct. 28 DETROIT	41 9	
Nov. 4 at New Orleans	23 13	
Nov. 11 MINNESOTA at Milwaukee	45 17	
Nov. 18 LA RAMS at Milwaukee	31 6	
Nov. 22 at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	28 31	
Dec. 2 TAMPA BAY	12:00	
Dec. 9 at Chicago	12:00	
Dec. 16 MINNESOTA	12:00	

MINNESOTA VIKINGS		(3-10-0)
Head Coach	Les Steckel	
Sept. 2 SAN DIEGO	13 42	
Sept. 9 at Philadelphia	17 19	
Sept. 16 ATLANTA	27 20	
Sept. 23 at Detroit	29 28	
Sept. 30 SEATTLE	12 20	
Oct. 7 at Tampa Bay	31 35	
Oct. 14 at Los Angeles Raiders	20 23	
Oct. 21 DETROIT	14 16	
Oct. 28 at Chicago	7 16	
Nov. 4 TAMPA BAY	27 24	
Nov. 11 vs Green Bay at Milwaukee	17 45	
Nov. 18 at Denver	21 42	
Nov. 25 CHICAGO	3 34	
Nov. 29 WASHINGTON (Thursday)	8:00	
Dec. 8 at San Francisco (Sat.)	1:00	
Dec. 16 GREEN BAY	12:00	

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS		(7-5-0)
Head Coach	Jim Hanifan	
Sept. 2 at Green Bay	23 24	
Sept. 9 BUFFALO	37 7	
Sept. 16 at Indianapolis	34 33	
Sept. 23 at New Orleans	24 34	
Sept. 30 MIAMI	28 36	
Oct. 7 at Dallas	31 20	
Oct. 14 CHICAGO	38 21	
Oct. 21 WASHINGTON	26 24	
Oct. 28 at Philadelphia	34 14	
Nov. 4 LOS ANGELES RAMS	13 16	
Nov. 11 DALLAS	17 24	
Nov. 18 at New York Giants	10 16	
Nov. 25 PHILADELPHIA	17 16	
Dec. 2 at New England	1:00	
Dec. 9 NEW YORK GIANTS	12:00	
Dec. 16 at Washington	1:00	

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY		(8-2-0)
Dallas, Tex.	Bobby Collins	
Sept. 15 Louisville*	41 7	
Sept. 22 North Texas State†	24 6	
Sept. 29 Texas Christian†	26 17	
Oct. 13 Baylor*	24 20	
Oct. 20 Houston†	20 29	
Oct. 27 Texas	7 13	
Nov. 3 Texas A&M†	28 20	
Nov. 10 Rice	31 17	
Nov. 17 Texas Tech	31 0	
Nov. 24 Arkansas†	31 28	
Dec. 1 Nevada-Las Vegas*	x x	

TULANE UNIVERSITY		(3-8-0)
New Orleans, La.	Wally English	
Sept. 1 Mississippi State†	3 30	
Sept. 15 Florida	21 63	
Sept. 22 Kentucky†	26 30	
Sept. 29 Mississippi	14 19	
Oct. 6 Vanderbilt†	27 23	
Oct. 13 Southern Mississippi†	35 7	
Oct. 20 Florida State†	6 27	
Nov. 3 Virginia Tech	6 13	
Nov. 10 Pittsburgh	10 21	
Nov. 17 Memphis State†	14 9	
Nov. 24 Louisiana State†	15 33	

CHICAGO BEARS		(9-4-0)
Head Coach	Mike Ditka	
Sept. 2 TAMPA BAY	34 14	
Sept. 9 DENVER	27 0	
Sept. 16 at Green Bay	9 7	
Sept. 23 at Seattle	9 38	
Sept. 30 DALLAS	14 23	
Oct. 7 NEW ORLEANS	20 7	
Oct. 14 at St. Louis	21 38	
Oct. 21 at Tampa Bay	44 9	
Oct. 28 MINNESOTA	16 7	
Nov. 4 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	17 6	
Nov. 11 at Los Angeles Rams	13 29	
Nov. 18 DETROIT	16 14	
Nov. 25 at Minnesota	34 3	
Dec. 3 at San Diego (Monday)	6:00	
Dec. 9 GREEN BAY	12:00	
Dec. 16 at Detroit	1:00	

HOUSTON OILERS		(2-11-0)
Head Coach	Hugh Campbell	
Sept. 2 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	14 24	
Sept. 9 INDIANAPOLIS	21 35	
Sept. 16 at Seattle	14 31	
Sept. 23 at Atlanta	10 42	
Sept. 30 NEW ORLEANS	10 27	
Oct. 7 at Cincinnati	3 13	
Oct. 14 at Miami	10 28	
Oct. 21 SAN FRANCISCO	21 34	
Oct. 28 CINCINNATI	13 31	
Nov. 4 at Pittsburgh	7 35	
Nov. 11 at Kansas City	17 16	
Nov. 18 NEW YORK JETS	31 20	
Nov. 25 at Dallas (Thanksgiving)	10 27	
Dec. 2 PITTSBURGH	12:00	
Dec. 9 at Philadelphia	1:00	
Dec. 16 CLEVELAND	12:00	

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS		(8-5-0)
Head Coach		Raymond Berry
Sept. 2	at Buffalo	21 17
Sept. 9	at Miami	7 28
Sept. 16	SEATTLE	38 23
Sept. 23	WASHINGTON	10 26
Sept. 30	at New York Jets	28 21
Oct. 7	at Cleveland	17 16
Oct. 14	CINCINNATI	20 14
Oct. 21	MIAMI	24 44
Oct. 28	NEW YORK JETS	30 20
Nov. 4	at Denver	19 26
Nov. 11	BUFFALO	38 10
Nov. 18	at Indianapolis	50 17
Nov. 22	at Dallas (Thanksgiving)	17 20
Dec. 2	ST. LOUIS	1:00
Dec. 9	at Philadelphia	1:00
Dec. 16	INDIANAPOLIS	1:00

Florida Poleaxed by SEC

After Florida won enough games to lay claim to its first-ever Southeastern Conference football championship, the fruits of victory were taken away when the SEC executive committee declared the Gators ineligible to represent the league in the Sugar Bowl. The committee deferred judgment on whether the Gators would be official conference champions.

The committee's ruling was unanimous and opened the door for Auburn or Louisiana State to go to the Sugar Bowl. Auburn needed a victory over Alabama on December 1 to make it. An Auburn loss would leave Louisiana State as the SEC team to play Nebraska. (Immediately following the committee's decision on Florida, ABC announced it would televise nationally the Auburn-Alabama game.) Florida still had a nonconference clash with Florida State left on its schedule when the SEC ax fell.

Florida faces three years of probation for various infractions of NCAA rules but has appealed the punishment. No ruling will come on the appeal until next month and that is why the SEC postponed a decision on whether Florida is the official SEC champion.

Marshall Criser, president of the university, said Florida would accept the committee's decision and would not seek to overturn it in the courts. Such action had been rumored prior to the meeting.

"Litigating with the SEC is tantamount to withdrawing from the conference," Criser said. "The University of Florida elects to remain in the SEC and attempt to become a positive force in that association."

The committee's ruling had a ripple effect on the Liberty Bowl and the Holiday Bowl. With Auburn and LSU both Sugar Bowl possibilities, they were removed from consideration for the Holiday Bowl, which opted for Michigan. Between Auburn and LSU, the one not in the Sugar Bowl will go to the Liberty Bowl.

Open Season On Coaches

It's that time of the year when those coaches who have failed to render a satisfactory account of their stewardship are cast into the darkness. And it matters not the level of competition. Losing coaches get fired just as easily in the sacrosanct Ivy League as they do in the pressure-laden Big Eight Conference. The day after Warren Powers was placed on waivers by the University of Missouri, Princeton mentor Frank Navarro announced his retirement. The retirement, such as it was, was prompted by intense pressure from alumni dissatisfied with Navarro's 4-5 mark this year and a 29-53-3 record in seven years. Princeton Athletic Director Bob Myslik had indicated during the season that something better than winning just half of the scheduled games was demanded.

Another Ivy League coach to exit was Bob Naso at Columbia. He announced his resignation after the Lions closed out their 1984 campaign with an 0-9 record. In five years, Naso's charges went 4-43-2.

After 13 seasons at James Madison University, during which time his teams compiled a 67-60-2 log, including a 6-5 mark this year, Challance McMillin was relieved of his duties. Also getting the gate was Bob Thalman at Virginia Military Institute. He had been head coach of the Keydets since 1971, compiling a 54-93-3 record (1-9 this season). Sent packing along with Thalman were his seven assistants.

First-year coach Bill Williamson and all of his assistants were dismissed by Kentucky State. Williamson's departure was a foregone conclusion as he had been suspended after the team's eighth game for complaining about the difficulty of the schedule. The Thorobreds finished at 2-9 and their losses included an 84-0 walloping by Mississippi Valley State and a 61-0 blasting by Fort Valley State.

Don Davis resigned as head coach at West Texas State. He had a winless season in 1983 and was 2-9 this year. School officials said they would be looking for someone willing to help West Texas State make the transition in two years from the Missouri Valley Conference to the Lone Star Conference.

Utah and its coach, Chuck Stobart, came to a parting of the



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ways. Or did they? Stobart, who has logged a 15-16-1 record in three years, was working under a handshake agreement. He asked for a written contract, a condition the school declined to meet. Athletic Director Arnie Ferrin said that Stobart was free to pursue other opportunities and the school was free to look for another coach, but he did not rule out the possibility that Stobart and the school could still wind up together. But Ferrin was under alumni pressure to get a new coach. Lagging attendance has become a problem for the Utes.

Joe Avezzano, under fire after five straight losing seasons at Oregon, will not be rehired. John Byrne, the university president, said a panel of students, faculty, athletic officials and community supporters will begin screening a list of candidates from which Avezzano's successor will be chosen. Bobb McKittrick, offensive line coach of the San Francisco 49ers and an Oregon State alumnus, has indicated some interest in the job. Also reported interested is Sam Boghosian, offensive line coach of the Los Angeles Rams. Boghosian is a former assistant at Oregon State and UCLA. Avezzano, meanwhile, could be on his way to Central Florida as head coach of the Orlando school, replacing the peripatetic Lou Saban.

Howard Schnellenberger has been discussing the coaching situation at Louisville. Athletic Director Bill Olsen has said he wants Schnellenberger. But the question is whether the school can satisfy Schnellenberger's conditions.

As was predicted in this space more than a month ago, Foge Fazio will stay at Pittsburgh. Pitt Athletic Director Ed Bozik said of Fazio. "His 17 wins in his first two seasons attest to his coaching abilities." Bozik added that Fazio's "ethical values are totally compatible with those of this university" and Fazio "has been a fine emissary for this university, both on and off the football field."

Another coach who was under fire and whose retention also was predicted here is Gerry Faust of Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish, 3-4 at one stage of the campaign, closed with a rush, winning their last four games to earn a berth in the Aloha Bowl.

Postseason Kudos

By a vote of the conference coaches, Purdue's Leon Burtnett is UPI's Big Ten Coach of the Year. UPI's Big Ten Player of the Year is Ohio State tailback Keith Byars. . . . Oklahoma quarterback Danny Bradley was named UPI Big Eight Player of the Year. The Sooners also gathered in two other UPI honors when nose tackle Tony Casillas was named the conference's Defensive Player of the Year and freshman linebacker Brian Bosworth the league's Newcomer of the Year. Pat Jones of Oklahoma State edged Mike Gottfried of Kansas in UPI balloting for Big Eight Coach of the Year although Gottfried was honored by the Associated Press. . . . Quarterback Scott Loveland of Central Missouri State, who led the NCAA Division II in passing efficiency, was named the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association's most valuable player. Vern Thomsen of Northwest Missouri was named the conference's Coach of the Year. . . . Charles Richards of Baker (Kan.) University, who directed the Wildcats to the Heart of America Conference championship, was named the league's coach of the year.

This Couldn't Happen in Division I

Hofstra University, an NCAA Division III school (no athletic scholarships) on Long Island, had to play its biggest game of the season, against St. John's, without its leading rusher, Jerry Magallanes, who was dropped from the roster before the game

for failing to pay his tuition. Magallanes had been given a number of deadline extensions by the school's administration but did not make the final payment, which a university spokesman estimated at \$3,500. Hofstra Athletic Director Robert Getchell said the player's family was experiencing financial difficulty.

Hofstra, which entered the game with a 9-0 record, lost, 19-16, and missed out on a berth in the Division III regional play-off.

Fair Catches

Arkansas landed the first major commitment of the Southwest Conference recruiting campaign when the Hogs received a non-binding pledge from running back James Rouse of Parkview High School in Little Rock. The 6-foot, 195-pound Rouse has rushed for more than 3,000 yards over the last two seasons and is considered the top prep running back in the state. He cannot sign the binding national letter of intent until the February 13 national signing date. . . . Grambling State Coach Eddie Robinson on 6-11, 314-pound defensive tackle James Polk: "I had to drop two scholarships just to have enough money to feed him." . . . Defrocked Missouri coach Warren Powers had two years remaining on a three-year contract and the school will pay off the final two years of the salary, said to be \$55,000 a year. Missouri Athletic Director Dave Hart said the Tigers were seeking an established head coach with a winning record as Powers' replacement. Mizzou officials are known to have contacted John Cooper of the University of Tulsa and have sought and received permission to talk to Bobby Ross of Maryland and Gene Murphy of Cal State-Fullerton. Murphy has been interviewed for the Utah job and there is reason to believe he is the frontrunner for that position. . . . Jim Dombrowski, an All-Atlantic Coast Conference player for the University of Virginia, has been a two-way performer for the Cavaliers, the two ways being on the field and in the classroom. The 6-5, 291-pound junior offensive tackle from Williamsville, N.Y., has started every game for three years and has been an honor student, majoring in biology, with a minor in chemistry. When he graduates in 1986 he may have to decide whether to go into the National Football League or to medical school. His eventual ambition is to be an orthopedic surgeon.

University of Colorado tight end Ed Reinhardt, hospitalized since suffering a severe brain injury in a game at Oregon September 15, has been transferred from University Hospital to Denver's Craig Hospital. Although he has come out of a coma, doctors say the sophomore faces a lengthy recovery. "His therapy will be somewhat limited at first as his endurance is limited and his ability to concentrate is limited," said Dr. Mark Clio, who will direct Reinhardt's rehabilitation. . . . Pittsburgh has retired No. 79, the jersey worn by All-America offensive tackle Bill Fralic. Fralic is the fourth number retired by Pitt. The others are Tony Dorsett (No. 33), Hugh Green (No. 99) and Dan Marino (No. 13). . . . One of the bigger turnarounds in recent seasons occurred this year at Montana State University. The Bobcats of the Big Sky Conference, 1-10 in 1983, finished the campaign at 9-2 to earn a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Coach Dave Arnold's charges concluded their regular season with a 35-31 triumph over Division I-A school Fresno State. The spark of the Wildcats' success has been quarterback Kelly Bradley, who connected for 30 touchdowns passes while throwing for 3,508 yards. . . . Oregon has been invited to play Southern California in Tokyo's Mirage Bowl on December 1, 1985. The Pacific-10 Conference schedule has Oregon playing USC at Los Angeles next October 12.

Bowl Pairings

CALIFORNIA BOWL, December 15, at Fresno, Calif.—Toledo (8-1-1) vs. Nevada-Las Vegas (10-1-0), 4:00 p.m., Mizlou TV Network and ESPN.

INDEPENDENCE BOWL, December 15, at Shreveport, La.—Virginia Tech (8-3-0) vs. Air Force (7-4-0), 8:00 p.m., Mizlou TV Network and ESPN.

HOLIDAY BOWL, December 21, at San Diego—Brigham Young (12-0-0) vs. Michigan (6-5-0), 8:00 p.m., Mizlou TV Network and ESPN.

FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL, December 22, at Orlando, Fla.—Florida State (7-2-1) vs. Georgia (7-3-0), 1:00 p.m., NBC-TV.

SUN BOWL, December 22, at El Paso, Tex.—Tennessee (6-3-1) vs. Maryland (8-3-0), 3:00 p.m., CBS-TV.

CHERRY BOWL, DECEMBER 22, at Pontiac, Mich.—Michigan State (6-5-0) vs. Army (6-3-1), 4:00 p.m., TV to be announced.

FREEDOM BOWL, December 26, at Anaheim, Calif.—Iowa (6-4-1) vs. Texas (7-2-1) or Houston (6-4-0), TCS Metrosports TV.

LIBERTY BOWL, December 27, at Memphis, Tenn.—Arkansas (7-3-1) vs. Louisiana State (8-2-1) or Auburn (8-3-0), 8:30 p.m., Katz Sports TV.

GATOR BOWL, December 28, at Jacksonville, Fla.—South Carolina (10-1-0) vs. Oklahoma State (9-2-0), 9:00 p.m., ABC-TV.

ALOHA BOWL, December 29, at Honolulu—Southern Methodist (8-2-0) or Texas (7-2-1) vs. Notre Dame (7-4-0), 8:00 p.m., Metrosports TV and ESPN.

HALL OF FAME BOWL, December 29, at Birmingham, Ala.—Kentucky (8-3-0) vs. Wisconsin (7-3-1), 8:00 p.m., Turner Broadcasting System.

PEACH BOWL, December 31, at Atlanta—Virginia (7-2-2) vs. Purdue (7-4-0), 3:00 p.m., CBS-TV.

BLUEBONNET BOWL, December 31, at Houston—Texas Christian (8-3-0) vs. West Virginia (7-4-0), 8:00 p.m., Mizlou TV Network and ESPN.

COTTON BOWL, January 1, at Dallas—Boston College (8-3-0) vs. Texas (7-2-1), Houston (6-4-0) or Southern Methodist (8-2-0), 1:30 p.m., CBS-TV.

FIESTA BOWL, January 1, at Tempe, Ariz.—Miami, Fla. (8-4-0) vs. UCLA (8-3-0), 1:30 p.m., NBC-TV.

ROSE BOWL, January 1, at Pasadena, Calif.—Southern California (8-3-0) vs. Ohio State (9-2-0), 5:00 p.m., NBC-TV.

SUGAR BOWL, January 1, at New Orleans—Auburn (8-3-0) or Louisiana State (8-2-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2-0), 7:00 p.m., ABC-TV.

ORANGE BOWL, January 1, at Miami—Oklahoma (9-1-1) vs. Washington (10-1-0), 8:00 p.m., NBC-TV.

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At the Deadline, Some Empty Bowls

Although November 24 was the official date for extending bowl bids, when the games were over that day no less than five bowls were uncertain about their participants. One of the principal reasons for the logjam was Baylor's stunning upset of Texas. That meant the Longhorns, considered sure to be the host team in the Cotton Bowl against Boston College, needed help from elsewhere to get to Dallas on January 1.

If Houston, a team with four losses, beats Rice on December 1, then the Cougars would go to the Cotton Bowl. A Houston loss to Rice and a Texas victory over Texas A&M the same day would put the Longhorns in the Cotton Bowl. Losses by both Houston and Texas would give the Cotton Bowl nod to Southern Methodist.

Meanwhile, the Freedom Bowl and the Aloha Bowl were awaiting those results to determine the opponents for Iowa and Notre Dame, respectively.

The Liberty Bowl and Sugar Bowl also were uncertain as to the identity of their participants. Auburn needed a December 1 victory over Alabama to get to the Sugar Bowl to play Nebraska. An Auburn defeat would place Louisiana State at New Orleans on January 1. If Auburn loses, LSU would go to the Sugar Bowl and Auburn, instead of LSU, would face Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl.

The Wild, Wild Southwest

Texas Coach Fred Akers has seen his team through ups and downs this season, but even he was surprised how poorly the Longhorns played in a 24-10 loss to Baylor, which went into the game with a 4-6 record.

"It surprised me very much. I thought we'd come in here and play a good game," Akers said. "We made too many mistakes. We continue to have turnovers and today we had them in our end of the field. I don't know whether it is a lack of concentration or what, but we were just throwing footballs to the wrong players."

Longhorns quarterback Todd Dodge was intercepted three times, and the last was the coup de grace. Texas trailed by only 17-10 and was driving when Baylor's Thomas Everett picked off a Dodge throw and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown with four minutes left.

The Bears made the most of their opportunities. After recovering a Texas fumble on the Longhorns' 19-yard-line early in the third quarter, Baylor moved in for the touchdown, which came on Ralph Stockemer's one-yard bolt from the one-yard line on fourth down.

"Texas had the Cotton Bowl to play for," Baylor Coach Grant Teaff said. "All we had was pride."

It was the fifth time in the Longhorns' last six trips to Waco that they have been beaten.

Houston came from behind twice before finally subduing Texas Tech, 24-17. The Red Raiders' final lead was at 17-13 in the third quarter after a 100-yard kickoff return by Tech freshman Keith Henderson. Mike Clendenen's third field goal of the game narrowed the Tech advantage and Houston finally went ahead to stay in the final period on a nine-yard touchdown pass from Gerald Landry to Raymond Tate. Tate had scored earlier on a 10-yard run.

Southern Methodist kept its faint hopes alive for being the Southwest Conference representative in the Cotton Bowl by outscoring Arkansas, 31-28. The Razorbacks' Brad Taylor scored once and threw three touchdown passes as he complet-

TSN's TOP TWENTY

By JOE MARCIN

Rank—Team	Record	Most Recent Game
1. Florida	8-1-1	Beat Kentucky, 25-17
2. Oklahoma	9-1-1	Beat Okla. St., 24-14
3. Ohio State	9-2-0	Beat Michigan, 21-6
4. Nebraska	9-2-0	Lost to Oklahoma, 17-7
5. Washington	10-1-0	Beat Wash. St., 38-29
6. Brigham Young	12-0-0	Beat Utah St., 38-13
7. South Carolina	10-1-0	Beat Clemson, 22-21
8. Florida State	7-2-1	Beat Tenn.-Chatt., 37-0
9. Boston College	8-2-0	Beat Miami (Fla.), 47-45
10. Miami (Fla.)	8-4-0	Lost to Bos. Coll., 47-45
11. Oklahoma State	9-2-0	Lost to Oklahoma, 24-14
12. Texas	7-2-1	Lost to Baylor, 24-10
13. Southern Methodist	8-2-0	Beat Arkansas, 31-28
14. Auburn	8-3-0	Beat Georgia, 21-12
15. Maryland	8-3-0	Beat Virginia, 45-34
16. UCLA	8-3-0	Beat USC, 29-10
17. Notre Dame	7-4-0	Beat USC, 19-7
18. Louisiana State	8-2-1	Beat Tulane, 33-15
19. Southern California	8-3-0	Lost to N. Dame, 19-7
20. Wisconsin	7-3-1	Beat Mich. St., 20-10

ed 20 of 28 passes for 248 yards. SMU's Reggie Dupard ran for three touchdowns and freshman Brandy Brownlee contributed to the Mustangs' victory with field goals of 43, 28 and 18 yards.

Texas Christian was knocked out of the SWC race by being upset by Texas A&M, 35-21, as the Aggies' Anthony Toney scored three touchdowns.

Orange Blossoms for Oklahoma

Five years ago, Danny Bradley called Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer and said he wanted to play on a championship team and play in the Orange Bowl.

"Well, now he's going to get there," Switzer said following the Sooners' 24-14 triumph over Oklahoma State, which will play in the Gator Bowl.

Bradley, a senior from Pine Bluff, Ark., keyed a 72-yard, 14-play, third-quarter drive that brought Oklahoma back from a 14-7 deficit. For the afternoon, Bradley completed eight of 16 passes for 112 yards and a touchdown. A 14-yard run by Bradley on an option play was vital to the drive that tied the score.

Oklahoma went ahead, 17-14, on a 27-yard field goal by Tim Lashar later in the period and iced the game in the final quarter on a 20-yard run by Spencer Tillman. Tillman had capped Oklahoma's third-quarter drive with a three-yard TD burst.

"We won because we have the best players," Switzer said. "It's not the coaches who win games. That's overrated. You win with talent."

Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones said his players were disappointed, "but they're too classy a squad to be upset. Once the gun goes off, it's over with. We're not going to hangdog around."

Irish Are Superior Mudders

It poured rain and the field was a quagmire at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The ball was slippery, so slippery, in fact, that

Southern California had trouble holding on to it, losing six fumbles. Notre Dame lost none as it pounded out a 19-7 triumph, the first for the Fighting Irish on USC's home field since 1966.

Notre Dame's scores came on an 11-yard pass from Steve Beuerlein to Timmy Brown, a three-yard run by Allen Pinkett, who gained 98 yards on 27 carries, and two field goals of 45 yards by John Carney.

Some 66,000 tickets were sold to the game and a crowd of 80,000 was anticipated. But only 51,000 showed up and because of the wretched weather most left early. About the only people remaining in the stands at the end were Notre Dame fans.

Notre Dame ended the regular season with four straight victories and a 7-4 record. Coach Gerry Faust said, "We're over the hill now. I think we've got the program going. We're on a roll now."

BYU's Edwards Sounds Off

Brigham Young, ranked No. 1 in the wire service polls, extended its winning streak to 23 games as the Cougars, paced by the passing of quarterback Robbie Bosco, defeated Utah State, 38-13. Bosco completed 28 of 52 passes for 338 yards.

BYU Coach LaVell Edwards, sensitive to criticism that his school's schedule is too soft to deserve a No. 1 ranking, defended his team.

"I think we have as legitimate a claim on it as anyone, more than anyone for that matter," Edwards said. "I'm sure Nebraska would love to go back and play Syracuse, Oklahoma would love to go back and play Kansas and South Carolina would like to go back and play Navy, and so on down the line."

"We had our Kansases, our Syracuses and our Navys and this particular group of guys has always come out a winner. To me, that's what makes them legitimate in the rankings."

Elsewhere of Note

South Carolina rallied from a 21-3 deficit to edge Clemson, 22-21, as Gamecocks quarterback Mike Hold capped the comeback on a one-yard touchdown plunge with 54 seconds remaining. Hold's TD climaxed an eight-play, 84-drive that began with 3:04 left. "It's great to be going to the Gator Bowl," said Hold. "It's plenty big for us." . . . Maryland nailed down its second straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship with a 45-34 triumph over Virginia. Rich Badanjek led the Terrapins by rushing for 217 yards and two touchdowns. "It was the kind of game I abhor, a shootout," said Virginia Coach George Welsh. His Cavaliers still gained their first-ever bowl berth. . . . The Pittsburgh team that was expected to play the 1984 season finally showed up at University Park, Pa., and the result was a 31-11 upset of bitter rival Penn State. John Congemi sparked the Panthers by throwing three touchdown passes. The triumph helped assuage the disappointment of a 3-7-1 campaign for Pitt, highly ranked in the preseason. . . . George Adams rambled for 110 yards and two touchdowns to lead Kentucky as the Wildcats closed out an 8-3 regular season with a 17-12 triumph over Tennessee. . . . Max Zendejas kicked three field goals and Arizona's defense intercepted five passes for a 16-10 victory over Arizona State. . . . Pat Evans rushed for 187 yards as the Air Force bombed Texas-El Paso, 38-12.

NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs

Mississippi Valley State, which ran up high scores on many of its regular-season opponents, got a dose of its own medicine in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs when the Delta Devils were walloped by Louisiana Tech, 66-19. Tech was paced by Kyle Gandy, who passed for 262 yards and three touchdowns, and David Green, who rushed for 179 yards and three touchdowns. In other I-AA first-round games, Middle Tennessee downed Eastern Kentucky, 27-10, as Vince Hall rushed for 200 yards and one touchdown; Richmond outlasted Boston University, 35-33, as Greg Grooms rushed for 109 yards and scored two touchdowns, and Arkansas State prevailed over Tennessee-Chattanooga, 37-10, as freshman quarterback Dwane Brown completed nine of 15 passes for 116 yards.

NCAA Division II Playoffs

In the NCAA Division II quarterfinals, Randy Naran threw two touchdown passes and Greg Morris kicked two field goals to lift Nebraska-Omaha to a 28-15 victory over Northwest Missouri; Jeff Bentrim threw a 45-yard scoring pass and ran for two other touchdowns to spark North Dakota State past California-Davis, 31-23; Kurk Beathard passed for one touchdown and ran for another to help Towson State (Md.) to a 31-21 triumph over Norfolk State (Va.), and quarterback Mike Turk gained 99 yards on 14 carries and picked up 98 more on four passes as Troy State (Ala.) defeated Central State (O.), 31-21.

NCAA Division III Playoffs

The NCAA Division III championship game—the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl—was set for December 1 at the College Football Hall of Fame in Kings Island, O., between defending champion Augustana College of Rock Island, Ill., and Central College of Pella, Ia. Augustana downed Union College of Schenectady, N.Y., 23-6, as Mike Gray set up the go-ahead touchdown with a pass interception and returned another interception for a touchdown. Brett Clayberg returned a punt 63 yards to set up one score and the Central defense recorded six sacks as the Dutchmen blanked Washington & Jefferson College of Washington, Pa., 20-0.

A Miracle Finish From Flutie

MIAMI—It is an improbable year in college football when a 5-9 quarterback is the biggest figure in the game. But Boston College's Doug Flutie, as he has proved repeatedly, is capable of some improbable things.

The most recent episode unfolded on November 23 in the Orange Bowl, where B.C.'s Eagles faced the University of Miami and where Flutie orchestrated one of the most sensational comebacks of the 1984 season.

With 28 seconds left to be played and with torrential rains pelting the field, Flutie lined up his offense on the Boston College 20-yard line and tried to erase a 45-41 deficit.

"I told them (teammates) I just wanted to get near midfield," he said, "because I feel if I get there, then I have a 50-50 chance of scoring. I said, 'We've got at least four plays. Let's get the ball out near midfield and put one up in the end zone.'"

Precisely three plays later, B.C. had advanced to the Miami 48 with six seconds left on the clock, time for just one more play.

The one that was chosen is called "Flood Tip," the Eagles' version of "Big Ben." Three receivers are supposed to converge on the end zone, one of them tipping the ball another's way.

Flutie took the snap, faded back in the pocket and dipped to his right to avoid the rush. He was at his own 37-yard line when time expired and he let fly for receiver Gerard Phelan at the goal line.

"We both think about those kinds of finishes," said Flutie, "but we don't talk about them to each other." He and Phelan are roommates.

Phelan, who had already hauled in 10 passes for 178

yards, somehow sneaked behind four Miami defenders and snatched the ball as he tumbled into the end zone to give the Eagles a 47-45 victory. The extra point was not attempted.

Said Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell, "The pass was supposed to come down to Phelan, and he's supposed to tip it to someone else. But if it hits you in the chest, you catch it."

Said Phelan, "He (Flutie) just threw a rocket. I held that thing against my shoulder pads like it was my first-born."

Said Miami safety Doug Fullington, "I said to myself, 'This can't be true.'"

The ball traveled 63 yards in the air and put the finishing touches to a mind-boggling day. Flutie ended with 34 completions in 46 attempts for 472 yards. His counterpart, Miami quarterback Bernie Kosar, was 25-for-38 for 447 yards.

The game, scheduled for national television viewing during the Thanksgiving holidays, was everything the TV folks could have wished for and a little bit more. There were 1,282 yards in total offense. The lead changed hands four times in the fourth quarter. Miami freshman Melvin Bratton scored four TDs, one on a 52-yard run in which he weaved from sideline to sideline. And then there was Flutie.

During the contest, he became the first college quarterback in history to surpass the 10,000-yard career passing mark. And he isn't through yet. After a regular-season finale against Holy Cross on December 1 (and a probable trip to New York that evening to receive the Heisman Trophy), Flutie will take the Eagles into the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

He's Prof. Gray of Secondary Education

By MARK BLAUDSCHUN

AUSTIN, Tex.—The scenes are freeze-framed in the memory bank. Auburn's Bo Jackson is doing what he does best, running away from tacklers.

Jackson has broken loose in the Texas secondary and is running a fly pattern toward the end zone in the Longhorns' season opener.

Texas has one chance to catch the Auburn running back. No. 2 is an orange blur coming at an angle. Still, Jackson is supposed to have 4.1 speed in the 40-yard dash.

No way, you say. But Jerry Gray, the All-America free safety for the Longhorns, is not giving up. The gap is narrowing. Gray dives and pulls Jackson down by one shoulder and spins him around.

Jackson not only has been tackled after a 54-yard gain, but he has also suffered a shoulder separation, which will sideline

him for the bulk of the regular season.

"I don't know if I'm faster than Bo," said Gray. "But I just had the willpower to catch him."

Gray, nearing the end of his senior season, has more than willpower.

Gil Brandt, vice-president of personnel development for the Dallas Cowboys, says Gray is a sure first-round pick in the 1985 National Football League draft. Texas Coach Fred Akers believes Gray deserves consideration for the Heisman Trophy.

Playing free safety is the defensive version of quarterback, which was Gray's position in high school in Lubbock, Tex.

But Texas recruited him as a defensive back. Gray concedes that he wonders how he might have fared as a quarterback. "Yeah, I think of how good I might have been if I had stuck it out (at quarterback)," he said. "But there are challenges on defense."

The challenge for Texas the last few years has been winning

a national championship. The Longhorns were one fumbled punt away from it last season, as they went undefeated during the 1983 regular season, but lost to Georgia, 10-9, in the Cotton Bowl.

The memory of the loss still haunts Gray. "I'm going to remember the game for years," he said.

There are games Gray has played that people might remember for years. He has added more footage to his career highlights film this season.

His touchdown-saving tackle against Jackson in the Longhorns' 35-27 victory is a case in point. Against Rice, Gray had a pair of interceptions. He added another against Penn State and has been responsible for killing numerous drives with his antics.

"Any pass thrown deep down the middle is ours," said Dean Campbell, the Texas defensive backfield coach.

In 1983, throwing deep down the middle was also difficult against the Longhorns, who led the country in total defense.

But last season was different—at least defensively. The Longhorns had a veteran unit, especially in the backfield. Gray was one of a group of four who dared the opposition to throw.

The composition of the Longhorns was changed by graduation. Twenty-two Texas players spent their spring and summer vacations this year in pro football training camps.

When Gray reported to training camp this fall, he looked around and had to introduce himself to some of his teammates. Starting in the secondary with Gray were sophomore James Lott, sophomore Stephen Braggs and junior Eric Jeffries. Their combined starting experience was zero games.

Gray not only had to worry about his responsibilities, but the others' as well. Practice sessions became seminars, with Professor Gray in charge.

"Basically, I tried to show them, rather than tell them," said Gray.

Gray understands the skills he possesses. But he finds it difficult to explain how he does what he does.

"A lot of times, things happen by chance," he said. "I have a lot of freedom to roam back there. And I don't really think about what I'm doing. If I have to think about it, then I lose some reaction time and I wouldn't be able to do half the things I do."

What Gray does think about is professional football and, for a few brief weeks this season, the Heisman.

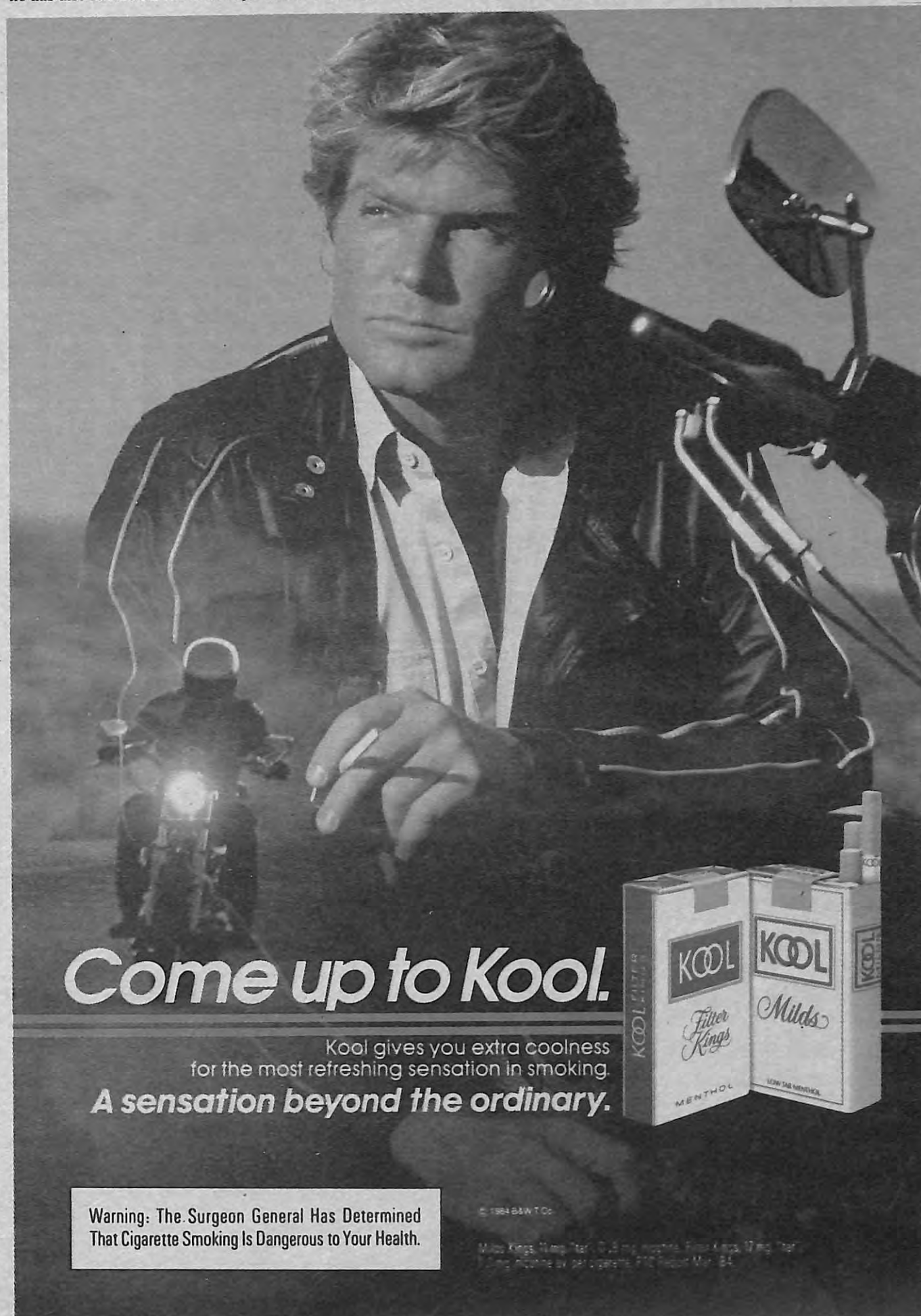
"That would have been nice," he says, knowing the award will almost certainly be given to Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie. "But I've gotten some recognition. I really didn't spend that much time thinking about it."

Gray and Flutie, who got to know each other on some All-America tours last summer, might get a chance to compare skills in the Cotton Bowl on January 1.

Boston College will be headed to Dallas, and Texas is expected to wrap up another Southwest Conference crown and earn a return trip to the Cotton Bowl.

A national championship is unlikely for the Longhorns, which will be about the only goal Jerry Gray has not reached during his career at Texas. But there are other goals out there to be reached.

"Sometimes I sit in my room," he said, "and think about this being my last year here. And I think about playing in the NFL, which I've dreamed about since I was a kid. Now the dream is getting closer and closer."



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Jerry Gray

College Football Statistics

NCAA DIVISION I-A INDIVIDUAL LEADERS THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 24

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plays	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Flutie, Boston Col.	422	3340	27	334.0
Bosco, Brigham Young	543	3932	35	327.7
Gaynor, Long Beach St.	478	3243	20	324.3
Kosar, Miami (Fla.)	468	3412	29	284.3
Everett, Purdue	439	2951	16	268.3
Sweeney, Fresno State	516	3114	23	259.5
McClure, Bowling Green	466	2852	23	259.3
Frasco, San Jose St.	485	2806	24	255.1
Trudeau, Illinois	430	2797	18	254.3
Bradley, Indiana	479	2561	12	232.8
Cherry, Hawaii	411	2265	9	226.5
Allen, Cal-Fullerton	436	2689	25	224.1
Page, Vanderbilt	366	2216	15	221.6
Rubbert, Louisville	387	2353	18	213.9
Cunningham, Nev.-L. Vegas.	379	2280	25	207.3
Dewberry, Georgia Tech.	275	2040	11	204.0
Berner, Pacific	346	2036	14	203.6
Robinson, Tennessee	290	1805	15	200.6
Rypien, Washington St.	372	2202	20	200.2
Jenkins, Arizona	399	2172	15	197.5
Stevens, Utah	373	2329	24	194.1
Wickersham, LSU	353	2081	12	189.2
Long, Iowa	336	2080	18	189.1
Bodine, Cincinnati	413	2076	15	188.7
Austin, Mississippi	405	2039	8	185.4
Beuerlein, Notre Dame	290	1845	7	184.5

* Touchdowns-responsible-for are players TDs scored and passed for.

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Yds.PG
Byars, Ohio State	313	1655	5.3	22	150.5
Mayes, Wash. St.	258	1637	6.3	11	148.8
Davis, TCU	211	1611	7.6	15	146.5
Adams, Central Mich.	222	1204	5.4	13	120.4
Jones, Tennessee	206	1171	5.7	9	117.1
Swann, Miami (O.)	269	1282	4.8	5	116.5
Hilliard, LSU	254	1268	5.0	13	115.3
Horton, N. Carolina	238	1247	5.2	6	113.4
Morgan, Toledo	292	1087	3.7	10	108.7
Lavette, Ga. Tech.	233	1080	4.6	13	108.0
Allen, Florida St.	133	971	7.3	8	107.9
Clack, Arizona St.	208	1052	5.1	5	105.2
Harmon, Iowa	190	907	4.8	11	100.8
Pinkett, Notre Dame	275	1105	4.0	17	100.5
Black, Army	233	993	4.3	10	99.3
Adams, Kentucky	253	1085	4.3	13	98.6
Crutcher, So. Cal.	286	1083	3.8	10	98.5
Dupard, SMU	174	969	5.6	14	96.9
Rooks, Illinois	219	1056	4.8	4	96.0
Dubose, Nebraska	156	1040	6.7	8	94.5
White, Bowling Green	247	1036	4.2	15	94.2
Smith, Nebraska	177	935	5.3	7	93.5
Taylor, Cincinnati	198	1021	5.2	8	92.8
Evans, Air Force	159	1015	6.4	5	92.3
Muster, Stanford	184	823	4.5	2	91.4
Brown, Tulsa	159	995	6.3	6	90.5

SCORING

	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.	Avg.
Byars, Ohio State	24	0	0	144	13.1
Pinkett, Notre Dame	18	0	0	108	9.8
Lee, UCLA	0	17	29	104	9.5
Raymond, Florida	0	31	21	94	9.4
White, Illinois	0	31	24	103	9.4
Badanjek, Maryland	16	6	0	102	9.3
Davis, TCU	17	0	0	102	9.3
Schmidt, Florida St.	0	40	16	88	8.8
Jaeger, Washington	0	30	22	96	8.7
Dupard, SMU	14	0	0	84	8.4
Butler, Georgia	0	22	20	82	8.2
White, Bowling Green	15	0	0	90	8.2
Prindle, Western Mich.	0	18	24	90	8.2
Igwebiwe, Clemson	0	41	16	89	8.1
Atkinson, Maryland	0	37	17	88	8.0
Revez, Tennessee	0	26	18	80	8.0
Harmon, Iowa	12	0	0	72	8.0
Spelman, Hawaii	0	22	19	79	7.9
Zendejas, Arizona	0	23	21	86	7.8
Lavette, Georgia Tech.	13	0	0	78	7.8
Adams, Central Mich.	13	0	0	78	7.8
Angstadt, Rutgers	0	20	19	77	7.7
Adams, Kentucky	14	0	0	84	7.6
Hilliard, LSU	14	0	0	84	7.6
Allen, Arizona St.	14	0	0	84	7.6
Robinson, Washington	14	0	0	84	7.6
Stopa, Army	0	28	15	73	7.3
Snow, Boston Col.	0	40	11	73	7.3

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Catch	PG
Williams, Illinois	101	1278	8	9.2	
Lockett, Long Beach St.	75	1112	4	6.8	
Willis, Fresno State	79	1251	8	6.6	
Phelan, Boston Col.	60	913	3	6.0	
Henderson, Iowa State	64	941	6	5.8	
Edwards, Vanderbilt	57	557	2	5.7	
Smith, Miami (Fla.)	66	852	5	5.5	
Griffin, Purdue	60	991	4	5.5	
Templeton, Long Beach St.	59	451	4	5.4	
White, Bowling Green	56	400	0	5.1	
Mills, Brigham Young	60	1023	7	5.0	
Dowdell, Bowling Green	55	596	4	5.0	
Andrews, Rutgers	40	511	2	5.0	
Brown, Miami (Fla.)	59	1114	9	4.9	
Bowman, San Jose St.	54	652	4	4.9	
Hunter, Bowling Green	52	744	8	4.7	
Scott, Vanderbilt	47	854	7	4.7	
Shibest, Arkansas	51	907	7	4.6	
Hill, Maryland	51	820	4	4.6	
Bynum, Oregon State	51	711	1	4.6	
Eymore, Colorado	51	680	3	4.6	
Kozlowski, Brigham Young	55	849	11	4.6	
Smith, San Jose St.	50	815	9	4.5	
Toon, Wisconsin	50	702	5	4.5	
Foster, Cincinnati	49	754	7	4.5	
McGee, Tennessee	44	619	4	4.4	
Robinson, Rice	44	579	3	4.4	

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Henderson, Texas Tech.	13	376	1	28.9
Rowley, New Mexico St.	15	411	1	27.4
Drewrey, West Virginia	20	546	1	27.3
Duncan, Northwestern	17	464	1	27.3
Jackson, Michigan St.	20	522	1	26.1
Cherry, Oregon	29	751	0	25.9
Sikahema, Brigham Young	15	376	0	25.1
Fullwood, Auburn	19	457	1	24.1
Gaines, Long Beach St.	24	575	1	24.0
McAdoo, Baylor	14	335	0	23.9
Harmon, Iowa	11	262	0	23.8
Young, Rutgers	12	282	0	23.5
Waters, San Diego St.	17	399	0	23.5
Snipes, Florida St.	13	304	0	23.4
Tucker, Utah	17	393	0	23.1
Bell, Boston Col.	18	410	0	22.8

PUNT RETURNS

(Minimum 1.2 returns per game)

	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Nattiel, Florida	21	319	1	15.2
Smith, Nebraska	15	225	0	15.0
Swanson, Nebraska	19	275	1	14.5
Thomas, Air Force	24	304	0	12.7
Milus, Washington	17	211	1	12.4
Morse, Michigan State	17	204	1	12.0
Young, Rutgers	21	251	0	12.0
Tucker, Utah	22	261	1	11.9
Edmonds, Arkansas	25	294	0	11.8
Drewrey, West Virginia	30	343	1	11.4
Bonner, Ohio	25	270	1	10.8
Couch, Minnesota	15	162	0	10.8
McFadden, Wisconsin	30	319	0	10.6
Beavers, Oregon State	18	191	1	10.6
Covington, Maryland	26	274	0	10.5
Everett, Baylor	26	274	0	10.5
Redick, Cal. Fullerton	22	222	0	10.1

PUNTING

	No.	Avg.
Anderson, Vanderbilt	52	47.8
Smith, Mississippi	44	47.7
Donnelly, Wyoming	63	47.5
Cunningham, Nevada-Las Vegas	54	47.1
Tupa, Ohio State	41	47.0
Kelly, Minnesota	59	46.2
Andrews, Georgia	59	45.6
Johnson, Brigham Young	57	45.5
Sawyer, Baylor	72	44.8
Calhoun, Kentucky	60	44.4
Teltschik, Texas	60	44.3
Newsome, Wake Forest	57	44.1
Mojsiejko, Michigan State	72	44.0
Razmic, Indiana	57	43.9
Buenafe, UCLA	58	43.8
Horne, Arkansas	51	43.8
Meyer, Arizona State	64	43.8
Hatcher, Clemson	54	43.7
Barnhardt, North Carolina	52	43.6
Robbins, Michigan	56	43.4
Carter, SMU	45	43.1

INTERCEPTIONS

	G.	No.	Yds.	TD	Int.PG
Thurman, Boston College	10	10	99	0	1.00
Harris, Tulsa	11	8	131	0	.73
Gilliard, South Carolina	11	8	29	0	.73
Thomas, TCU	11	8	25	0	.73
Cross, Fresno State	12	8	132	0	.67
Lee, Virginia Tech	11	7	155	0	.64
Calhoun, Kentucky	11	7	91	0	.64
Bowden, Houston	10	6	140	1	.60
Brandon, Toledo	10	6	112	0	.60
Gray, Texas	10	6	63	0	.60
Brown, Oklahoma State	11	6	157	1	.55
Clark, Nebraska	11	6	108	0	.55
Durden, Arizona	11	6	108	1	.55
Hobley, LSU	11	6	66	0	.55
Daly, Virginia	11	6	55	0	.55
Hobby, Syracuse	11	6	41	0	.55
Collins, Cal. Fullerton	12	6	107	0	.50

FIELD GOALS

	FGA	FG	Pct.	FGPG
Lee, UCLA	33	29	87.9	2.64
White, Illinois	28	24	85.7	2.18
Prindle, Western Michigan	30	24	80.0	2.18
Raymond, Florida	24	21	87.5	2.10
Butler, Georgia	24	20	83.3	2.00
Jaeger, Washington	28	22	78.6	2.00
M. Zendejas, Arizona	27	21	77.8	1.91
Spelman, Hawaii	27	19	70.4	1.90
Angstadt, Rutgers	28	19	67.9	1.90
Revez, Tennessee	20	18	90.0	1.80
Cofer, N.C. State	23	18	78.3	1.64
Miller, North Carolina	18	16	88.9	1.60
Anderson, Vanderbilt	19	16	84.2	1.60
Clendenen, Houston	20	16	80.0	1.60
Schmidt, Florida State	23	16	69.6	1.60

NCAA DIVISION I-A

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 24

Conference champion in boldface.

* Indicates postseason bowl participant.

ATLANTIC COAST

	Conference	Overall
	W. L. T.	W. L. T.
* Maryland	6 0 0	8 3 0
* Virginia	3 1 2	7 2 2
North Carolina	3 2 1	5 5 1
Wake Forest	3 3 0	6 5 0
Georgia Tech.	2 2 1	5 4 1
Duke	1 5 0	2 9 0
North Carolina State	1 5 0	3 8 0
Clemson	0 0 0	7 4 0

NOTE: Clemson is ineligible for conference championship and postseason bowls.

BIG EIGHT

	Conference	Overall
	W. L. T.	W. L. T.
* Oklahoma	6 1 0	9 1 1
* Nebraska	6 1 0	9 2 0
* Oklahoma State	5 2 0	9 2 0
Kansas	4 3 0	5 6 0
Missouri	2 4 1	3 7 1
Kansas State	2 4 1	3 7 1
Colorado	1 6 0	1 10 0
Iowa State	0 5 2	2 7 2

NOTE: Kansas is ineligible for postseason bowls.

BIG TEN

	Conference	Overall
	W. L. T.	W. L. T.
* Ohio State	7 2 0	9 2 0
Illinois	6 3 0	7 4 0
* Purdue	6 3 0	7 4 0
* Wisconsin	5 3 1	7 3 1
* Iowa	5 3 1	6 4 1
* Michigan	5 4 0	6 5 0
* Michigan State	5 4 0	6 5 0
Minnesota	3 6 0	3 8 0
Northwestern	2 7 0	2 9 0
Indiana	0 9 0	0 11 0

NOTE: Illinois is ineligible for postseason bowls.

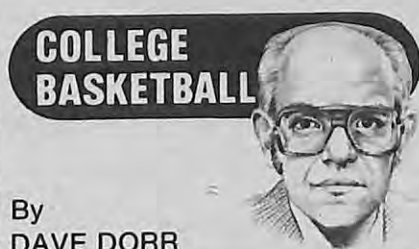
TEAM LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Yds.PG
Brigham Young	902	5838	6.5	55	486.5
Boston Col.	757	4836	6.4	44	483.6
Florida St.	739	4685	6.3	40	468.5
TCU	835	5099	6.1	47	463.5
Miami (Fla.)	865	5367	6.2	45	447.2
Maryland	828	4910	5.9	43	446.4
Illinois	875	4860	5.6	35	441.8
Ohio State	820	4803	5.9	47	436.6
South Carolina	794	4797	6.0	46	436.1
Washington St.	803	4762	5.9	40	432.9
Utah	894	5166	5.8	45	430.5
Nebraska	855	4703	5.5	47	427.5
Air Force	803	4690	5.8	44	426.4
Missouri	841	4690	5.6	41	426.4
Georgia Tech.	747	4184	5.6	32	418.4
Auburn	842	4595	5.5	38	417.7
Arizona St.	807	4496	5.6	36	408.7
Wyoming	823	4894	5.9	43	407.8

Salukis Relive the Bonnie Days of Clyde

CARBONDALE, Ill.—On a frosty November weekend, Walt Frazier walked into a world he had left 17 years before. The blazing autumn reds and golds had given way to the gray of trees stripped bare, a reminder that winter was on its way.



By
DAVE DORR

As much as anything could be, it was for Frazier a reminder of how life changes and how a world he never knew existed altered his life forever.

Frazier, the oldest of nine children in his family and the product of a segregated high school in Atlanta, was 19 in the autumn of 1963 when he arrived in Carbondale, a sleepy college town nestled deep in southern Illinois. It was a world of coal mines and farms and basketball and it had a lifestyle which, at first, was uncomfortable for Frazier. He was a frightened pup.

Frazier was so painfully shy he hardly opened his mouth. He had his mother's blessing and it was for her that he ultimately drove himself to the top of the basketball world, but not before he learned a lot about himself and about the new world that had swallowed him up.

Frazier's first Christmas in Carbondale was with the family of George Iubelt, an assistant basketball coach at Southern Illinois University. On Christmas Eve, a blustery, cold night as Iubelt remembers it, Frazier went with the family to a place called Twinkle Tree Farm and helped chop down a pine.

Frazier could only shake his head in wonderment. A city kid, he had always believed Christmas trees came from a corner lot. He told Iubelt to forget an invitation for the next Thanks-

giving. When Iubelt asked why, Frazier said: "Do you go out and shoot your turkey?"

It's hard to believe this was the same Walt Frazier who one day would own New York City as Clyde, the Knicks' coolest man-about-town, the guy in velour suits, mink coats, a burgundy Rolls-Royce and with a smashing woman on his arm.

But it was, and the emergence of Clyde is as intriguing as how Frazier's college basketball team, the Salukis, got to New York in 1967 and won the National Invitation Tournament.

SIU raced past St. Peter's, Duke, Rutgers and Al McGuire's Marquette Warriors in New York. SIU flattened Marquette in the title game, 71-56. How does McGuire remember it?

"At halftime, I was up nine points and I had tough kids, but Walt took the game in his hands," said McGuire. "The NIT brought Walt and the Salukis out of obscurity—just popped them out."

Says Don Boydston, the SIU athletic director in 1967: "When we received the NIT bid, I'm not sure the New York media even knew we existed."

The Salukis weren't obscure elsewhere, though. In 1965 and 1966 they were runners-up in the NCAA College Division tournament. Today, it is known as Division II.

SIU was the first small-college team to be invited to the NIT, an event that in the mid-1960s rivaled the NCAA's Final Four in prestige. In the 1966-67 season, SIU had beaten one of the big boys, Texas-El Paso, the reigning NCAA champion, and had a 20-2 record when Boydston let the NIT know that SIU was interested.

It was a huge gamble the Salukis took. Their place in the College Division tournament was assured; the NIT promised them nothing. When the NCAA gave them a 24-hour ultimatum, they rode it out. Eighteen hours after the NCAA deadline passed, they got their call from the NIT.

The Salukis were a team of destiny, put together by the twists and turns of fate. They took on New York with a reluctant coach (Jack Hartman); two players who would make NBA

all-rookie teams (Frazier with the Knicks and Dick Garrett with the Los Angeles Lakers); one starter who had gone to SIU on a golf scholarship (Ed Zastrow) and another who went on a baseball scholarship (Clarence Smith), and a substitute (Creston Whitaker) who would become a wide receiver with the Los Angeles Rams.

Frazier was a late addition in 1963. He was given the last scholarship because Hartman got a call from Sam Johnson in Atlanta. Johnson was an old acquaintance. Hartman knew nothing about Frazier. "Sam's word was good enough," said the coach.

Hartman became SIU's coach in 1962. Hartman, Gene Bartow and Eddie Sutton were three of the men Boydston was considering in '62 when he was searching for a new coach. Boydston assembled the team at his home in Carbondale to greet Hartman. When Hartman arrived, he called Boydston to a side porch and told him he had changed his mind. He said he didn't want the job.

"I was in a panic," said Boydston, who stammered, "Well, at least come in and meet the players."

Then Boydston hurried to his car where he had a cake that was lettered: WELCOME JACK HARTMAN, OUR NEW COACH. With a butcher knife, Boydston scraped the icing off and brought the cake in to serve it. Hartman later left without a word and, indeed, the two men did not speak to each other about that day until 22 years later, when Boydston mentioned Hartman's reluctance to him.

Frazier's 13-season NBA career ended quietly in Cleveland in 1980. "I'd get dressed up, but where you going to go?" he said. In the days of Clyde, Frazier's nights wouldn't begin until 11 when "the amateurs quit and went home."

Frazier's return to Carbondale was for the first reunion of the 1967 NIT champs. There were tears and embraces as a town toasted a historic gamble and a night that New York went to the Dogs. For Boydston and Hartman, it was frosting on the cake.

College Basketball: Upsets at the Outset

Early notices pegged the 1984-85 college basketball season as another banner year for upsets. The first weekend lived up to that billing as Top Ten teams Illinois, Indiana and Nevada-Las Vegas were defeated and DePaul, which was ranked No. 1 by THE SPORTING NEWS, survived by the narrowest of margins.

MIDWEST: Southern Teams Belt Big Ten

A pair of schools from the South ventured north and whipped Big Ten co-favorites Indiana and Illinois. Louisville leveled Indiana, 75-64, in Bloomington, Ind., and Alabama-Birmingham traveled very far to the north, to Anchorage for the Great Alaska Shootout, to stun Illinois, 59-52.

The Louisville-Indiana confrontation was the first meeting between coaches Bob Knight of the Hoosiers and Denny Crum of the Cardinals, each in his 14th season at his respective school. It represented the second straight season Indiana lost its home opener. Last year, it was Miami of Ohio and this time it was a Louisville team that used a 23-3 outburst at the end of the first half to gain a comfortable advantage. "There are a lot of teams out there who can play and right now, we're not one of them," Knight said after watching his club commit 25 turnovers.

Illini Coach Lou Henson was more optimistic than Knight even after watching UAB guard Steve Mitchell outscore All-America candidate Bruce Douglas, 26-4, in their personal duel. "It takes the pressure off," Henson said. "We'll bounce back. I just don't know when." Douglas wasn't the only Illinois player to sputter offensively. Starting forwards Efrem Winters and Anthony Welch combined to hit only three of 20 field-goal attempts.

UAB then upset Kansas in the finals, 50-46, with Mitchell, the tournament's most valuable player, scoring 18 points. His three-point play with 28 seconds remaining gave the Blazers a 48-46 lead. Ron Kellogg and freshman Danny Manning scored 14 points apiece for the Jayhawks.

Doug Altenberger scored 33 points as Illinois salvaged third place with a 75-72 triple overtime victory over Oregon, and Maryland captured fifth place with a 72-49 rout of Tennessee.

Joey Meyer, in his first game as DePaul's head coach, nearly

was victimized by something his father, Ray, was able to avoid in 42 years at the Chicago school: a loss in the home opener. The Blue Demons nipped Northern Illinois, 59-58, but almost blew a nine-point lead with less than four minutes remaining by missing three free throws and throwing the ball away twice while inbounding it. "Ray and I should have switched places," said Joey, whose team posted its 27th consecutive homecourt victory. "I know I couldn't take this for 42 years."

SOUTH: Gobblers Aren't Turkeys

Virginia Tech, potentially the country's most explosive team, kicked off its season in grand style by overwhelming Old Dominion, 102-76. The Gobblers, sparked by Dell Curry's 26 points, rolled to an early 14-2 lead and stretched it to 30-10 midway through the first half. Tech's Perry Young sank nine of 11 field-goal attempts, grabbed 10 rebounds and had eight assists.

Not nearly as impressive as Virginia Tech was traditional power North Carolina, which overcame a 10-point, first-half deficit to frustrate Fordham, 81-65. The Tar Heels trailed by four at intermission before Brad Daugherty contributed 12 of his 22 points in the second half.

NEAR WEST: One Streak to Another

Lamar, which had a homecourt winning streak snapped at 80 games in the finals of last year's Southland Conference tournament, is working on a different kind of string. The Cardinals had dropped three in a row at home after succumbing to Wichita State, 70-65, in the christening of their new arena (Montagne Center). Xavier McDaniel pulled down 19 rebounds for the Wheatshockers, who erased a six-point halftime deficit.

All nine Southwest Conference teams won their openers, most of them against inferior competition. In perhaps the biggest surprise, Arkansas nearly blew a 14-point lead in the last 3½ minutes before holding on to beat Southeastern Louisiana, 65-62.

EAST: Thwarted Upset Bids

Canisius and Manhattan gave their more acclaimed Midwest foes a scare before falling by the wayside in their season openers. Guards Sam Vincent (28), Scott Skiles (18) and Darryl Johnson (14) collaborated for 60 points to catapult Michigan State to an 80-71 triumph at Canisius. The Griffs trailed by only one point with less than six minutes remaining. At South Bend, Ind., Manhattan was tied with Notre Dame early in the second half before the Fighting Irish pulled away for a 67-52 win. Tim Kempton collected all of his 15 points after intermission for the Irish.

FAR WEST: Silverswords Revisited

Chaminade, an NAIA school in Hawaii, gained a reputation as a giant killer after upending Louisville last season and Ralph Sampson-led Virginia two years ago. The Silverswords whipped another Division I team recently, but it wasn't quite as noteworthy. Chaminade, paced by Patrick Langlois' 25 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots, dumped Davidson, 77-62, in

the opening round of its invitational tournament. But the Silverswords bowed in the championship game against Providence, 60-58. The Friars had defeated Virginia, 75-71, in overtime in the first round, handing Terry Holland his first season-opening setback in 10 years as coach of the Cavaliers.

Three schools with four letters—UCLA, UNLV and Utah—probably felt like using some four-letter words after opening-weekend reversals.

Santa Clara, boasting perhaps the top 1-2 punch on the West Coast in Harold Keeling and Nick Vanos, got 42 points from that twosome in notching a 68-60 victory at UCLA. The Broncos took control with an 18-2 spurt in the second half.

Reserve Tony Ronzone scored seven points down the stretch to help Nevada-Reno KO Nevada-Las Vegas, 97-89. Reno won the game on the boards, outrebounding UNLV, 62-38.

Utah, despite a 41-point performance from Calvin Upshaw, suffered its third straight loss at home to Utah State in the closing moments. Vince Washington converted a pair of free throws after a flagrant foul and Greg Grant followed with a basket off a rebound with five seconds remaining to give Utah State a 93-92 win. Washington finished with 33 points, and Grant furnished 21 of his 23 points in the second half.

WHERE THEY PLAY

November 28—William & Mary at Duke, Ill.-Chicago at Illinois State, Loyola (Ill.) at LSU, Villanova at Marist, Connecticut at Minnesota.

November 29—Missouri at Baylor, Northwestern at Notre Dame, Montana at Oregon, San Diego State at California-Irvine.

November 30—Auburn at Alabama-Birmingham, Tulsa at Arizona, Nevada-Las Vegas at Colorado State, Florida at Florida State, Houston vs. South Alabama in Clemson's IPTAY Tournament, Brigham Young vs. La Salle in Stanford Invitational.

December 1—Louisiana Tech at Centenary, Utah at Colorado, UCLA at DePaul, St. Joseph's at Duke, Oklahoma at Illinois, Creighton at Iowa State, Detroit at Kansas, Virginia Commonwealth at Louisville, Northwestern at Loyola (Ill.), West Virginia at Maryland, Georgia at Michigan, Arkansas at Ohio State, LSU at Oral Roberts, Missouri at Oregon State, Xavier at Pitt, Dayton at Providence, Kentucky at Purdue, Lamar at Southwestern Louisiana, Arizona State at Toledo, Bradley at Tulane, Temple at Villanova.

December 2—North Carolina at Boston U., Wake Forest at Boston College.

December 3—Texas at LSU, Arizona State at Texas-El Paso, Washington at Texas Tech, Virginia at VMI, Oregon at Wichita State.

December 4—Utah State at Brigham Young, Providence at Holy Cross, Iowa State at Iowa, Loyola (Ill.) at Marquette, Indiana at Notre Dame, Virginia Commonwealth at Richmond, Florida at South Florida, Canisius at Syracuse.

December 5—Temple at Bradley, Colorado at Colorado State, DePaul at Illinois State, Florida State at Jacksonville, St. Joseph's at Old Dominion, Miami of Ohio at Purdue, Fordham at St. John's, Southern Illinois at St. Louis University, Clemson at South Carolina, Virginia at William & Mary.

December 6—Illinois vs. Missouri in St. Louis, Marquette at Northwestern.

December 7—George Washington vs. Xavier in Kentucky's Classic hosted by Arizona State, Louisiana Tech vs. Louisville in Wanda's Classic hosted by Western Kentucky.

December 8—Ohio State at Connecticut, Nebraska at Creighton, Michigan at Dayton, Notre Dame at DePaul, Virginia at Duke, Jacksonville at Florida, Nevada-Las Vegas at Georgetown, LSU at Houston, Kentucky at Indiana, Drake at Iowa State, Maryland at Alabama, UCLA at Memphis State, Oral Roberts at North Carolina, Arizona at Northern Arizona, Loyola (Ill.) at Oklahoma, South Carolina at Purdue, Marshall at West Virginia.

December 9—St. John's at Rutgers, Notre Dame at Valparaiso.

TSN's Top 40

By MIKE DOUCHANT

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| 1. DEPAUL | 15. MICHIGAN | 28. NEVADA |
| 2. GEORGETOWN | 16. KANSAS | 29. LAS VEGAS |
| 3. DUKE | 17. ALA.-BIRM. | 30. MARYLAND |
| 4. MEMPHIS STATE | 18. OKLAHOMA | 31. LA SALLE |
| 5. SMU | 19. N. CAROLINA | 32. ALABAMA |
| 6. ILLINOIS | 20. VILLANOVA | 33. HOUSTON |
| 7. VIRGINIA TECH | 21. KENTUCKY | 34. OHIO STATE |
| 8. ST. JOHN'S | 22. N.C. STATE | 35. MARSHALL |
| 9. WASHINGTON | 23. ARKANSAS | 36. IOWA |
| 10. GEORGIA TECH | 24. TEX.-EL PASO | 37. ORAL ROBERTS |
| 11. LOUISIANA ST. | 25. VIRGINIA | 38. AUBURN |
| 12. LOUISVILLE | 26. COMMONWEALTH | 39. TULSA |
| 13. INDIANA | 27. NOTRE DAME | 40. RICHMOND |
| 14. SYRACUSE | 28. WICHITA STATE | |

COLLEGE

Coaching Complaints

The season hadn't started yet when several of the nation's most respected coaches reminded us all's not well with college hoops.

Kansas State's Jack Hartman, president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, said, "I'm worried about cheating—it's as simple as that—and where it's taking the game."

Indiana's Bob Knight made a statement about improprieties without talking. He was a no-show at the Big Ten's media day in Chicago. Knight's absence was his way of protesting what he believes are illegal recruiting practices by certain Big Ten colleagues. The Chicago Tribune reported that Knight, speaking to a group of Indiana alumni in Chicago recently, said this was the worst year yet for cheating in the Big Ten and called it "a cross we (Indiana) will have to bear throughout the season."

Likewise, Tennessee's Don DeVoe, a former Knight pupil, wants his Southeastern Conference counterparts to shape up. "I think it is unfair that our players have to compete against them (cheaters)," DeVoe told the Knoxville News-Sentinel. "There are unethical programs all over the nation. But I think the practice (of cheating) is more widespread in our conference. I think we are on the verge of developing a credibility problem."

LSU's Dale Brown disagreed with DeVoe. "We all live in glass houses," Brown responded. "You better be pretty careful when you holler wolf. The answer is not to assassinate one another. Just because something is an NCAA rule doesn't make it right. I think we're a group of hypocrites and are cheating kids out of money. Mark my words, someday there will be a revolution among the players."

Coaches' Corner

Knight and Brown encountered other annoying situations recently. A motorist driving a Toyota sideswiped Knight's 1985 Buick Riviera while he was stopped at a red light. Knight wasn't hurt, but his auto suffered \$2,000 worth of damage. Meanwhile, Brown was upset after CBS pulled the plug on what was supposed to have been a nationally televised game between his Bayou Bengals and Houston on December 8. "The network was late in telling us about the decision," Brown said. "We had to make several schedule changes to accommodate them and then they weren't even going to give us any money at first for cancelling the telecast."

A majority of Big Ten coaches recommended the conference switch back to a 14-game league schedule next season. The league went to the double round robin 18-game slate several years ago. . . . Texas-El Paso extended Don Haskins' five-year contract by one season. . . . Villanova's Rollie Massimino was hospitalized because of stomach problems.

California-Irvine's Bill Mulligan underwent surgery for



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clogged arteries in his neck. . . . Ex-UCLA coach Larry Farmer was hired as a fill-in television commentator for the Denver Nuggets. . . . Former pro guard and Southern Cal All-America Dennis Layton was named an assistant coach at New Jersey Tech. . . . Vern Payne, who has guided Western Michigan to a 9-45 record the past two seasons, moved into his team's dormitory in an effort "to bring our team together and create a real basketball family." The Broncos, however, are picked to finish last again in the Mid-American Conference.

Recruiting Review

The shocking death of Chicago schoolboy star Ben Wilson put a damper on recruiting news during the early signing period in mid-November. Wilson, labeled the top prospect in the country, was gunned down on a street near Simeon High School, which he helped lead to a state championship last year. The 6-8 Wilson, who was considering Indiana, DePaul and Illinois, was shot twice at close range with a .22-caliber pistol during a lunch-hour confrontation. A pair of 16-year-old cousins were charged with murder and attempted armed robbery.

About two-thirds of the country's top 100-150 prep players signed early. Ten schools that fared particularly well this fall were Arizona, Iowa, Louisville, Michigan State, Missouri, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Purdue, Wake Forest and Villanova. Reneging on an earlier oral commitment was Jerry Pryor, who shunned Jacksonville and aligned with Clemson.

Following is a position-by-position alphabetical listing of more than 100 prep standouts who signed letters of intent:

LOW POST—Derek Bruton, 6-9½, Gilroy, Calif.—STANFORD; Anthony Cook, 6-9, Van Nuys, Calif.—ARIZONA; Brian David, 6-9, Carroll, Ia.—ARIZONA; Paul Diebert, 6-9, Johnstown, Pa.—WAKE FOREST; John Hall, 6-10, Prichard, Ala.—CLEMSON; Marty Hensley, 6-10½, Marion, N.C.—NORTH CAROLINA; Tito Horford, 7-1½, Houston—HOUSTON; Gary Leonard, 6-11, Belleville, Ill.—MISSOURI; Robert Liburd, 7-0, Bronx—TEMPLE; Melvin McCants, 6-9, Chicago—PURDUE; David Mueller, 6-9, Racine, Wis.—MICHIGAN STATE; Reginald Muhammed, 6-9, Dallas—SMU; Phil Nevin, 6-11½, Vandergrift, Pa.—MARYLAND; John Paul Oosterbaan, 6-10, Kalamazoo, Mich.—MICHIGAN; Anthony Pullard, 6-9, DeQuincy, La.—MCNEESE STATE; Doug Roth, 6-11, Knoxville, Tenn.—TENNESSEE; Mike Scott, 6-11½, Greenup, Ky.—WAKE FOREST; Darrell Spinks, 6-9, Detroit—IOWA STATE; Jay Teagle, 6-10, Marion, Ind.—ILLINOIS STATE; Bryan Tucker, 6-9½, Hyattsville, Md.—VILLANOVA; Rodney Walker, 6-9, Baltimore—SYRACUSE; Theo Williams, 6-8, Chester, Pa.—WICHITA STATE.

POWER FORWARD—Marvin Alexander, 6-7½, Memphis—MEMPHIS STATE; Michael Ansley, 6-7, Birmingham, Ala.—ALABAMA; Chuckie Brown, 6-8, Leland, N.C.—NORTH CAROLINA STATE; Eric Burdette, 6-8, Greensboro, Ga.—GEORGIA; Jeff Daniel, 6-9, Indianapolis—VIRGINIA; Marty Eggleston, 6-9, Coatesville, Pa.—VILLANOVA; Jerry Francis, 6-5½, Columbus, O.—OHIO STATE; Lowell Hamilton, 6-7, Chicago—ILLINOIS; Ed Horton, 6-8, Springfield, Ill.—IOWA; Jerry Jones, 6-6, Country Club Hills, Ill.—TEXAS-EL PASO; Avery Marshall, 6-8, Myrtle Beach, S.C.—LOUISVILLE; Tony Massenburg, 6-8, Sussex, Va.—MARYLAND; Dyrion Nix, 6-7, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.—TENNESSEE; Jerry Pryor, 6-8½, Brooklet, Ga.—CLEMSON; Cliff Robinson, 6-7, Buffalo, N.Y.—CONNECTICUT; David Robinson, 6-8½, Gainesville, Fla.—LOUISVILLE; Brian Schwabe, 6-9, Mercer Island, Wash.—NORTH WESTERN; Charles Shackelford, 6-9, Kingston, N.C.—NORTH CAROLINA STATE; John Smith, 6-7, Fort Washington, Md.—DUKE; John Sykes, 6-8, Merced, Calif.—TEXAS; Irving Thomas, 6-8, Carol City, Fla.—KENTUCKY; Loy Vaughn, 6-8½, Grand Rapids, Mich.—MICHIGAN.

SMALL FORWARD—Steve Bucknall, 6-6, Byfield, Mass.—NORTH CAROLINA; Rick Calloway, 6-6, Cincinnati—INDIANA; Greg Church, 6-7, Palmyra, Mo.—MISSOURI; Sean Connor, 6-6, Zeigler, Ill.—NOTRE DAME; Derrick Cooley, 6-5, Birmingham, Ala.—MARSHALL; Sean Elliott, 6-7, Tucson—ARIZONA; Sam Graham, 6-6, Bronx—ST. BONAVENTURE; Dylan Howard, 6-6, Fort Wayne, Ind.—ALA-BIRMINGHAM; Kip Jones, 6-7½, Decatur, Ind.—PURDUE; Michael Jones, 6-7, Phenix City, Ala.—AUBURN; Walker Lambiotte, 6-6, Woodstock, Va.—NORTH CAROLINA STATE; Jerome Lane, 6-6, Akron, O.—PITT; Kevin Madden, 6-5½, Staunton, Va.—NORTH CAROLINA; Mike Mitchell, 6-6, Santa Ana, Calif.—FRESNO STATE; Mike Sandbothe, 6-7, Washington, Mo.—MISSOURI; Keith Showers, 6-5, Jacksonville, Fla.—JACKSONVILLE; Lorenzo Smith, 6-6, Birmingham, Ala.—ALABAMA; Mark Stevenson, 6-5, Philadelphia—NOTRE DAME; Bill Vernau, 6-6, Pittsburgh—SOUTH CAROLINA; Curtis Williams, 6-6, North Easton, Mass.—BOSTON UNIVERSITY; Todd Wolfe, 6-6, Arlington Heights, Ill.—MICHIGAN STATE.

BIG GUARD—Steve Benton, 6-4, Philadelphia—BOSTON COLLEGE; Eric Cooper, 6-3, Wilmington, Calif.—ARIZONA; Chris Duncan, 6-5, Jonesboro, Ga.—GEORGIA; Jeff Grose, 6-2, Warsaw, Ind.—NORTHWESTERN; John Johnson, 6-4½, Knoxville, Tenn.—MARYLAND; Todd Lichti, 6-4, Concord, Calif.—STANFORD; Roy Marble, 6-5½, Flint, Mich.—IOWA; Gary Massey, 6-4½, Bronx—VILLANOVA; Derrick McGhee, 6-1, Elizabeth, N.J.—VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH; John McIntyre, 6-4½, Detroit—DETROIT; Richard Morgan, 6-4, Salem, Va.—VIRGINIA; Rod Palmer, 6-3, Compton, Calif.—UCLA; Tony Patterson, 6-5½, Lyons, Ind.—PURDUE; Kenny Poston, 6-6, Cherryville, N.C.—NORTH CAROLINA STATE; Reggie Rankin, 6-2, Columbus, O.—OHIO UNIVERSITY; Kenny Rice, 6-6, Detroit—MARQUETTE; Bernard Royster, 6-5, Baltimore—OLD DOMINION; Anthony Sherrod, 6-5, Millen, Ga.—GEORGIA TECH; Doug West, 6-6, Altoona, Pa.—VILLANOVA; Keith Williams, 6-4, Louisville, Ky.—LOUISVILLE.

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Hoop Scoop

There are a few oddities on the NBA's All-Star ballot. For example, even though 96 players are listed, high-scoring guard Derek Smith of the Clippers isn't on the ballot and seldom-used teammate Lancaster Gordon is. Other omissions include Utah's Mark Eaton and John Drew, three-time All-Star Jamaal Wilkes of the Lakers and topflight rebounders James Donaldson of the Clippers and Larry Smith of the Warriors. Eaton has led the league in blocked shots the past two seasons and Drew is one of

the top sixth men in the pros.

Only 5,105 fans, the lowest Sonics crowd since the team moved to the Kingdome, turned out for Seattle's game against Golden State on November 13. . . . Atlanta's home-away-from-home experiment, 12 games in New Orleans, got off to a rocky start as just 4,107 fans were on hand when the Hawks met the Utah Jazz. Oddly, the gate almost matched the attendance (4,006) for the Jazz's final game in the Superdome on April 6, 1979. A fatigued Utah team, playing without injured Adrian Dantley (foot), was drubbed by Atlanta, 122-90. "The fans were treated to a very tired team," said Utah Coach-General Manager Frank Layden. "I don't think that's fair. I really think that at some point in time we have to look at a modified season."

Denver attracted back-to-back sellouts for the first time since 1978. . . . The Kings might as well have proclaimed they were moving to Sacramento, Calif., when they reneged on a promise to reveal how many fans and how much revenue they would need to break even financially and stay in Kansas City. Instead, the club sought a fall guy and accused city officials of not enforcing the terms of their Kemper Arena lease and not negotiating in good faith for its renewal. The Kings promptly had the largest home crowd in franchise history (17,341) for a game against Boston.

New York had a five-game winning streak after Bernard King scored 40 points in a 109-101 decision over Cleveland, 45 points in a 120-97 rout of Detroit and a career-high 52 in a 119-100 nod over Indiana. . . . Excluding Boston, the two hottest teams in the league were Denver and Washington. The Nuggets had an eight-game winning streak after upending Philadelphia, 113-110, and the Bullets had won eight of nine after dumping Detroit, 112-106.

San Antonio was saddled with its sixth straight setback when Darrell Griffith pumped in 40 points to lead Utah to a 123-117 success. . . . The Lakers withstood a 40-point, 13-rebound performance by Larry Nance to post a 102-97 triumph at Phoenix.

HOW THEY STAND

THROUGH NOVEMBER 25

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION					MIDWEST DIVISION				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	11	1	.917		Denver	11	2	.846	1½
Philadelphia	9	4	.692	2½	Houston	10	4	.714	1½
Washington	10	6	.625	3	Dallas	8	7	.533	4
New York	7	9	.438	6	Utah	8	7	.533	4
New Jersey	6	8	.429	6	San Antonio	6	8	.429	5½
					Kansas City	3	10	.231	8
CENTRAL DIVISION					PACIFIC DIVISION				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Milwaukee	10	5	.667		L.A. Lakers	10	6	.625	
Chicago	8	7	.532	2	Portland	9	6	.600	½
Detroit	7	8	.467	3	Phoenix	8	8	.500	2
Atlanta	6	8	.429	3½	Seattle	5	9	.357	4
Indiana	4	11	.267	6	L.A. Clippers	5	10	.333	4½
Cleveland	2	12	.143	7½	Golden State	4	11	.267	5½

Game of Monday, Nov. 19
Indiana 137, Chicago 120

Games of Tuesday, Nov. 20
New York 106, Golden State 101
Washington 120, Philadelphia 105
Dallas 109, Milwaukee 108
Houston 123, Detroit 117
Kansas City 129, Utah 122
Los Angeles Lakers 130, Phoenix 108
Portland 117, New Jersey 107 (OT)
Denver 124, Seattle 114

Games of Wednesday, Nov. 21
Boston 135, Golden State 91
Washington 97, Kansas City 92
New York 109, Cleveland 101
Philadelphia 112, Indiana 107
Milwaukee 108, Chicago 98
Detroit 114, San Antonio 101
Atlanta 122, Utah 90
L.A. Lakers 102, Phoenix 97
Denver 112, L.A. Clippers 106

Games of Friday, Nov. 23
Boston 118, Washington 110
New York 120, Detroit 97
Kansas City 122, Indiana 105
Golden State 107, Cleveland 106
Philadelphia 119, Phoenix 117 (OT)
Utah 111, Houston 98
Chicago 113, Seattle 94

Games of Saturday, Nov. 24
Washington 112, Detroit 106
New York 119, Indiana 100
Atlanta 101, New Jersey 99
Boston 135, Kansas City 124
Dallas 113, Houston 95
Utah 123, San Antonio 117
Milwaukee 103, Golden State 95
Denver 114, Philadelphia 110
Portland 141, Chicago 131
L.A. Lakers 108, L.A. Clippers 103

Games of Sunday, Nov. 25
Cleveland 118, Atlanta 111
L.A. Clippers 114, Phoenix 99
Seattle 105, L.A. Lakers 94

On the Sidelines

Player	School	Pos.	Class	Reason
Scott Barnes	Fresno St.	C	Sr.	Out two weeks with kneecap injury.
Jerome Batiste	McNeese St.	F	So.	Out six weeks with broken foot.
Dale Baum	Weber State	F	Jr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Cornelius Brodus	Florida	F	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Roosevelt Brown	E'ern Wash.	G	Jr.	Out two weeks with leg fracture.
Steve Bruning	Ohio U.	F	So.	Out with stress fracture in leg.
Dave Butler	California	C	Jr.	Sidelined by sprained ankle.
Calodeis Canion	S. Ala.	F	So.	Left the team.
Chuck Celestine	Tulsa	G	So.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Garrick Davis	ODU	F	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Joe Dumas	McNeese St.	G	Sr.	Sidelined by broken foot.
Joe Dumas	Ohio State	F	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Edgar Foreman	Portland	F	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Kenny Gambrel	Wis.-G.B.	C	Jr.	Lost for season with illness.
Eran Grumberg	Towson St.	G	Jr.	Sidelined by shoulder injury.
Don Harris	Wisconsin	G	Jr.	Sidelined by thigh injury.
Fred Harris	Portland	G	Jr.	Out one month with kneecap injury.
David Henderson	Duke	G-F	Jr.	Sidelined by severe back strain.
Jeff Hester	Portland	F	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
John Hodges	Wash. St.	F	Fr.	Sidelined by stress fracture.
Larry Ikard	Butler	G	Sr.	Lost for season with knee injury.
Dean Jones	Grambling	F	So.	Sidelined by heart condition.
John Kelley	Xavier, O.	F	Jr.	Sidelined by broken thumb.
George Kingland	JMU	G	So.	Sidelined by knee injury.
Roddy Kirk	Towson St.	F	So.	Out one month after knee surgery.
Jos Kuipers	Fresno St.	F	So.	Sidelined by severely sprained ankle.
Jens Kujawa	Illinois	C	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Phil Layher	Montana St.	F	Sr.	Out ten weeks with broken foot.
Brad Lohaus	Iowa	C	Jr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Kip Lomax	Ohio State	G	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Darryle McDaniel	Weber State	C	Jr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Gregg Mostello	Valparaiso	F	Sr.	Dropped out of school.
Craig Neal	Ga. Tech	G	So.	Lost for season after wrist surgery.
Martin Nessley	Duke	C	So.	Sidelined by a knee injury.
Bill Patterson	E'ern Ill.	F-C	Fr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Miroslav Pecarski	Marist	C	Fr.	Out five weeks (foot fracture).
Rick Pickren	Valparaiso	F	So.	Will transfer to another school.
Daryn Shaw	Cleveland St.	F	Fr.	Will return to home in Australia.
Kyle Spears	Portland	G	Jr.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Justin Shurtliff	Colo. State	C	Fr.	Career ended by heart problem.
Chris Tipton	W'ern Carol.	C	So.	Out two months with leg fracture.
Randy Vining	NE Louisiana	G	So.	Ineligible 1st semester (grades).
Roger Wagner	Centenary	G	Jr.	Lost for season with leg injury.
Anthony Walton	Grambling	F	Jr.	Sidelined after back operation.
George Williams	Minnesota	F	Fr.	Sidelined by stress fracture in foot.
Curtis Wilson	Ohio State	G	So.	Will sit out season as redshirt.
Jeff Wulff	Miss. St.	C	Fr.	Lost for season (foot operation).
Ramsey Yeatts	JMU	F	Fr.	Sidelined by a broken wrist.
Ed Zucker	Rutgers	F	So.	Sidelined by tendinitis in knee.

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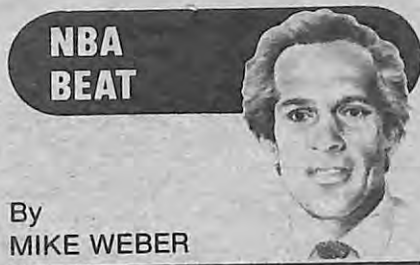
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Ramsay Sticks to Guns In Drafting of Bowie

NEWARK, N.J.—Jack Ramsay says "it's not something I lose sleep over." But the coach of the Portland Trail Blazers spends a lot of his waking hours defending his decision to choose center Sam Bowie in last June's draft, rather than select guard Michael Jordan. While Jordan, picked third by the Chicago Bulls, has been wreaking havoc on other teams, the only real damage Bowie has done has been to himself.



NBA BEAT

By
MIKE WEBER

Portland had made Bowie the second player taken in the draft, but he missed most of training camp because of an injury. He came back to play 10 games, then sat down for a few more weeks when he was hurt again. All this follows hard on the two seasons he missed at the University of Kentucky because of stress fractures in a leg. He played his senior season and then the T-Blazers examined him for seven hours before pronouncing the leg fit and Bowie a safe selection.

Trouble is, Bowie keeps finding new ways to get hurt. Jordan, healthy as ever, tore through the NBA in his first month as a pro, earning raves everywhere. Ramsay, however, was unmoved. "I'm interested in what Sam Bowie is doing for us," he said. "I don't care what Michael Jordan is doing for them—unless he is playing against us."

Ramsay reiterated his position that he never considered taking anyone other than Bowie. The Blazers needed a center, not a swingman. They already had guards such as Darnell Valentine and Jim Paxson, a swingman in Clyde Drexler and a high-scoring forward in Kiki Vandeweghe. "Hey," said Ramsay, warming to the subject, "our guys that we already had are good. So why should you duplicate? I don't understand why there is such a fuss made over it. If they (critics) understand where we're coming from, there wasn't even a point of deliberation. Sam's gonna be good. We would not have taken a player we had questions about."

Nonetheless, observers still wonder about the pick. As Ramsay admits, "That's a question that will be asked for a long time." His answer, he swears, will remain the same.

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Another oft-injured player, Bill Walton of the Los Angeles Clippers, is thinking about playing several more years. Admitting he can't "play, run and jump for seven days a week," the 6-11 center-turned-forward thinks he can make major contributions. He filled his off-season with basketball for the first time in many years and came away convinced that the cloud of injury hanging over his head has dissipated. "That got me over the psychological barrier that kept me from playing well," he said.

Walton missed three full seasons with a stress fracture of the foot, played just 14 games in another season and 33 in still another. That kind of misfortune would make many men curse their fate. Not Walton, who says, "How can anyone be in the NBA and feel cheated? This is the greatest life in the world. Four years ago—two years ago—I was told I'd never play basketball again on any level, I wouldn't even be able to go to the gym and have fun by myself. Here I am starting in the NBA. How can I feel cheated?"

Walton, 32, has been hampered by tendinitis in his legs but feels that is only a minor inconvenience. "Hopefully," he said, "I've got a long way to go before I'm finished. This is the first time in a long time I feel comfortable with the thought of being able to play for a long time."

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Joe Axelson, general manager of the Kansas City Kings, said he never noticed that Jack McKinney suffered memory lapses. Strange, since they were well-known around the league, by coaches, players and reporters. Axelson surprised a lot of people by naming McKinney as his coach for this season. McKinney then surprised even more by quitting nine games into it. It's sad that McKinney apparently never has fully recovered from his bicycle accident during the 1979-80 season when he was coaching the Los Angeles Lakers.

Axelson, who surely was remiss in not noting McKinney's problems, then turned to Phil Johnson as his new coach. That's the same Phil Johnson that Axelson fired as Kings coach during the 1977-78 season. Insiders say that Axelson was only the executioner, that it was ownership that wanted Johnson gone once the team's record hit 13-24. In 1974-75, Johnson had led the Kings to a 44-38 record, their first winning one in nine years, and was named Coach of the Year.

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Maybe he was simply blowing smoke, that time-honored tradition of denigrating those you want most so that you can get them cheaper. Or maybe Hal Childs, assistant general manager of the Golden State Warriors, was serious when he indicated his team could get along just fine without holdout center Joe Barry Carroll. Sans the 7-footer but with centers Jerome

Whitehead and Chuck Alexinas, the Warriors have been, according to Childs, "more physical, more intense, more competitive and we rebound better. The fans like that. He (Carroll) is a good basketball player. He would help us if he were here but, without him we are not decimated." . . . San Antonio Spurs center Artis Gilmore, quoted earlier this season thusly, "No matter what I do, people will always call me a loser," says his negative image may largely be his fault. "You dictate your own destiny," he said. "I've lagged. I haven't had as much success as I anticipated."

Otis Birdsong of the New Jersey Nets missed five games with a knee injury, then returned to the team a bitter man. Team doctors told the coaching staff that they felt Birdsong's bruised knee was a minor injury and that he could play. Nonetheless, Birdsong sat out five straight games and, on his return, said, "I am upset because they challenged my integrity and honesty. I knew I was too hurt to play. I know in my heart I can play hurt; I've done it. I don't care what people say." Coach Stan Albeck said, "All I can go on is what the doctors said. They felt that he had a bruise and that he could have played. I will say this: We have had people play hurt this year. It's not unusual. (But) I'm not gonna hold a grudge or get down on the guy. That would be stupid. It would be hurting the team." Birdsong



Artis Gilmore

Vincent Back in Shape And Back in Character

DALLAS—Discontent has been replaced by determination. Ranting and raving have been replaced by rebounding. Jay Vincent is a new man, who is reminding the Dallas Mavericks and their opponents of the old days—Vincent's rookie season of 1981-82.

After four weeks of the 1984-85 season, Vincent, who did little but struggle last season and didn't do that quietly, was averaging more than 20 points and 10 rebounds. He was the first player in the history of the weak-rebounding Mavericks to break into the top 10 in rebounding during any time of the season, and was the early leader in the race for the Comeback Player of the Year award.

Vincent certainly is a legitimate candidate. He has been very good, good and bad. Or as he put it: "My first year, I was so successful. My second year, I played well. My third year was a bomb."

Vincent had a fairy-tale rookie year that was made possible by a foot injury to Mark Aguirre, who was the leading vote-getter on the All-Star team when he went down in early December 1981.

Enter Vincent, who was breaking in slowly off the bench. Forced to carry the scoring load with Aguirre out, Vincent averaged 24.9 points during the last 61 games of his rookie season. He was a unanimous selection by coaches on the All-Rookie team and finished third in Rookie of the Year balloting behind Buck Williams and Kelly Tripucka.

Aguirre returned in the second year and Vincent's production fell. Still, he had a nice, consistent season with averages of 18.7 points and 7.3 rebounds. Sophomore jinx? Not for Vincent.

That is, not until his third year. Last season, he reported to training camp overweight and out of shape. He never got untracked physically or mentally. He missed five games after an early-season calf injury, then returned, demanded to start and later asked to be traded. He averaged 11 points and 4.1 rebounds. He heard suggestions he was a "flash in the pan." He went home determined. He came back in shape.

"When you have a bad season, a lot of people start to question things you never imagined they might question," said Vincent. "Like, am I still the player I was the first year, or was I a flash in the pan? That bothered me because I know I have the talent to play, especially with a team like the Mavericks that have a lot of forward-oriented plays. I'm suited to play this kind of basketball."

"It hurt to have a year like that, and then have people in the organization start doubting your ability. But I took it like, 'Hey, it was my fault for not being in the best condition possible.' And

NBA WEST

By
JAN HUBBARD



WHERE THEY PLAY

November 30—Indiana at New Jersey, Portland at Philadelphia, Houston at Atlanta, Washington at Detroit, New York at Milwaukee, Seattle at Dallas, Denver at Utah, Chicago at L.A. Clippers, Kansas City at L.A. Lakers.

December 1—Portland at New York, Milwaukee at Washington, Boston at Cleveland, Detroit at Indiana, Seattle at Houston, Golden State at Phoenix, L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, Utah at Denver.

December 2—Cleveland at Boston, New Jersey at Philadelphia, Chicago at L.A. Lakers.

December 3—Phoenix at Seattle.

December 4—Denver at New York, L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, Boston at Detroit, New Jersey at Chicago, L.A. Clippers at Houston, Atlanta at San Antonio, Utah at Golden State, Phoenix at Portland.

December 5—Denver at Boston, L.A. Lakers at New Jersey, Milwaukee at Philadelphia, L.A. Clippers at Dallas, Atlanta at Kansas City.

December 6—Dallas at New York, Indiana at Washington, Seattle at Utah, Detroit at Milwaukee, Houston at Golden State, San Antonio at Portland.

December 7—L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, New York at Chicago, Denver at Detroit, Kansas City at Phoenix, San Antonio at Seattle.

December 8—Boston at New Jersey, L.A. Lakers at Washington, Denver at Cleveland, Dallas at Chicago, Indiana at Milwaukee, Phoenix at Golden State, Houston at Portland.

December 9—Atlanta at Boston, New York at Philadelphia, Kansas City vs. Utah in Las Vegas, San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, Houston at Seattle.

helped the Nets to a victory at Golden State in his first game back, scoring 12 of his 19 points in the fourth period.

Sleepy Floyd's wildness has put him out of favor with the Warriors. He has returned to the style of shoot-first, run-the-offense-later that earned him the nickname "Shooty" while a rookie with the Nets. . . . Has Mavericks Coach Dick Motta been riding herd too hard on rookie Sam Perkins? . . . It's no coincidence that the Indiana Pacers began playing better once Clark Kellogg returned from injury to become a productive member of the team.

Coach George Karl made a big mistake with the Cleveland Cavaliers by coming down so hard on World B. Free before he was even half-sure that he had any other guard who could do even half as much.

then when I was out there, there was so much pressure on me to produce that I couldn't."

Vincent admits that he brought part of the mental pressure on himself. Like a lot of young players, Vincent fashioned himself a starter. When he suffered a calf injury, he was replaced in the starting lineup and the Mavericks went on an eight-game winning streak. It was during that streak that Vincent complained about not starting. His reasoning was that he had done nothing to lose his job but get injured.

Last summer, Vincent—a successful businessman in his hometown of Lansing, Mich.—realized it had been inappropriate for him to try to dictate that he should be in the starting lineup.

"I put it into my mind that I was so much better as a starter," he said. "But teams will use you as you are needed. That (demanding to start) is like one of my employees telling me how I should run one of my businesses, and that cannot be done. I've grown up a lot. I felt that any way I could help this team out, I would—if it's coming off the bench or starting."

Vincent reported to camp at 225 pounds—23 below his heaviest weight last season. He ran four to eight miles a day during the summer, and also worked on rebounding technique with former Michigan State teammate Greg Kelser and Clark Kellogg of the Indiana Pacers.

He has not been a particularly good practice or training camp player, but he was and is this season. And no one is happier about that than Coach Dick Motta.

"He's really playing well," said Motta. "He came to training camp ready. I'm happy about that. I'm proud of that. It wasn't easy for him or me last year. When he came this year, I said, 'You're going to play a lot. Let's never let your body get where it was. I'll try and monitor that with you, and let's keep a better line of communication.'"

"He's a good kid. I don't know what happened last year. He got hurt and he was out of shape. To demand to start was just out of character for Jay."

But now he is back in character, scoring like he did when he was a rookie and rebounding better than ever. Vincent has played power forward throughout his career with the Mavericks, but Motta believes the 6-7, 225-pounder is better suited for small forward.

Actually, his ideal position is third forward, coming off the bench to play both positions. If rookie Sam Perkins eventually wins the starting power forward job, that's where Vincent will be, and he is capable of leading the league in scoring off the bench.

For now, he will start. His goal this season is to finish in the top 10 in rebounding, average more than 10 a game, keep his mouth shut and play like he did in his rookie year. Winning the Comeback Player of the Year award also would be nice.

"I just want to show people that Jay Vincent is back," Vincent said. "Whatever the organization wants me to do, I'll do. I'm just ready to play and help them win championships if we can get that far."

Without Long, Pistons Are Unfulfilled

DETROIT—"We can be so good, it sometimes scares me," Isiah Thomas had said during the summer, visualizing the things he expected the Detroit Pistons to do in the 1984-85 season.

A year ago, in Chuck Daly's first season as head coach, the Pistons won 49 games and just missed winning the Central Division title on the final night, when they lost to Atlanta and Milwaukee beat Indiana. Then, they went into overtime of the fifth game before losing to New York in the opening round of the playoffs.

All that was missing, the Pistons said over and over, was a true power forward. So they traded for Danny Roundfield, then matched overgenerous offer sheets for Kelly

first 12 games) without him.

It is unlikely Long will be welcomed back warmly by his teammates, who have gone out of their way to denigrate his impact on the Pistons.

When the Pistons stumbled out of the starting gate, giving up 130 points to Boston and 137 to New York, Thomas was asked what Long's presence might have contributed.

"Defensively," Thomas replied succinctly, "nothing."

With or without Long, the Pistons are an above-average team, with four players (Thomas, Tripucka, Laimbeer and Roundfield) who have played in the All-Star Game. They're

exciting, they run and score with the best in the league.

No longer are they the ragtag outfit that was a laughingstock just four years ago when Detroit won only 16 games.

Neither, though, have they proven they are one of the best teams in the league. But they still talk about it.

"It hasn't quite come together yet," Thomas said. "We've had some personnel changes and we're just starting to jell. Roundfield has been injured and when he gets back and starts feeling comfortable with the system, we have a chance to be an excellent team."

The promise is still there. Unfulfilled.

NBA EAST



By
CHARLIE VINCENT

Tripucka and Vinnie Johnson, and proclaimed that they were ready for the season whether or not John Long was.

A month into the season, Long still wasn't ready, snubbing first a three-year, \$1-million contract, then turning his back on the slightly reduced tender matching last season's \$330,000 contract.

Some say it's the absence of Long, others maintain it isn't, but for one reason or another, the Pistons aren't as ready for the season as they believed they would be.

Bumping along around the .500 mark, with Roundfield out for more than two weeks with a strained left calf, the Pistons found themselves in a familiar position: looking up to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Long's absence forced Daly to make basic changes in his club. He shifted Tripucka from forward to guard. Terry Tyler, trade bait during the summer, was suddenly a starter again, at Tripucka's old position. Roundfield took over at power forward and, presto, the Pistons had only two starters at the same positions as last season: Laimbeer at center and Thomas at point guard.

The club's inability to resolve Long's status is at best a nagging bit of unfinished business. At worst, it's a reason to believe the Pistons may not realize their potential this season.

Without him, the club has one less bona fide NBA player than it anticipated. But if he does eventually bow to General Manager Jack McCloskey's offer, his belated arrival may have a negative effect in the locker room, if not on the floor.

The day Long returns, Tyler's days as a starter will be numbered because Long will reclaim his job as starting big guard and Tripucka will return to small forward.

In Long's absence, some Pistons have joked about his holdout and his lack of defense, maintaining they have all the offense they need (they averaged 116.4 points through their



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Carey Shows Early Foot in Rookie Race

EDMONTON—There's no tote board for the National Hockey League Rookie-of-the-Year chase. But if there was wagering, Carey Wilson would be a field bet. The Calgary Flames didn't charge \$1 to fans so they could watch him work out in training camp, as the Pittsburgh Penguins did with Mario Lemieux, their preordained 19-year-old savior. Unlike Pat LaFontaine, he hasn't been on more magazine covers than Boy George. And he didn't get an invitation to Team Canada or Team USA's Canada Cup auditions like James Patrick or Chris Chelios—two of the best young defensemen in the world.

In the preseason forecast, Lemieux, LaFontaine, Patrick and Chelios went to the post as favorites for the Calder Trophy. Wilson? He was a rank longshot. So what's he doing leading every other rookie in the polls today?

"He's the best I've seen so far," said Edmonton Coach Glen Sather. Wilson, in the top 10 in scoring from the first week of the season, laughs softly when asked about the rookie award. "It's in the back of my mind, but I'd like to leave it there until the season is over," he said.

Wilson, who played on the 1984 Canadian Olympic team at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, is one of 31 Olympians currently playing in the NHL. In case you wondered, the breakdown includes 14 Canadians, nine Americans, three Finns, two Swedes, two Czechs and one West German. The Olympic experience may have a lot to do with Wilson's ability to cope with the NHL pressures quicker than, say, kids like Lemieux and New Jersey's Kirk Muller, who are only 18.

"I'm certainly more mature," said the 22-year-old Wilson, who is smart enough in a classroom to have taken two years of pre-med at Dartmouth as a start to his long and winding road to the NHL. "Eight months with the Canadian Olympic team makes you better prepared."

"The Olympics is the best for development," Wilson contin-

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By
JIM MATHESON



ued. "Look at the schedules the Canadians and Americans play. They were successful against NHL teams (in several exhibition tilts), and over in Europe. They really benefit with all the travel and the chance to practice a lot by the time they get to the NHL. The maturity is there, no doubt about."

The biggest game in Wilson's career was the first Olympic battle with the defending champion Americans. He scored three times and assisted once as the Canadians made sure there was no sequel to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" with a 4-2 victory in Sarajevo. It was typical of Wilson's fire 'n ice make-up; he was never a great skater or scorer as a kid, was drafted in the fourth-round in 1980 by the Chicago Black Hawks, before a trade to Calgary, and he auditioned in Finland with IFK Helsinki before his Olympic experience. But he's always persevered. He scored on his first NHL shot in his first NHL game after Sarajevo and he scored an overtime winner against the Oilers in the Smythe Division final series.

"He's big and strong (205 pounds) and very good close in," remarked Calgary Coach Bob Johnson. "He was a disappointment when he joined us after the Olympics last season. We figured we'd get immediate help from Carey, but we didn't get it. We needed another plus player, but we sat him out until the finals (he played 15 league games with two goals). He played fairly well in the playoffs and gave us a little encouragement that he'd be better this year. No doubt, he's come faster than we thought."

Wilson admits he was dissatisfied with his showing last spring after a big buildup in Calgary. There was no Yellow Brick Road, however.

"I was physically and mentally drained," he said. "I really bombed out at the end of the season."

He didn't do anything special over the summer to turn it around, although he seems noticeably quicker afoot. He admittedly just took a rest and then proceeded to get in shape.

He may have had a few chats with his dad, too. Dr. Gerry Wilson, a Winnipeg orthopedic specialist, was an excellent

prospect in the Montreal Canadiens organization in the 1950s before his knees gave out. Later, he became the Winnipeg Jets' team doctor when they were in the World Hockey Association. He is also credited with persuading the Jets to take a look at a couple of Swedish kids named Anders Hedberg and Ulf Nilsson that he spotted while attending school in Sweden in the '70s.

"He's a good judge of talent," understated Carey, who was only about 10 when Hedberg went to Winnipeg. How quickly time flies. Now Hedberg is talking like he's going to retire, while Carey is a rookie in the NHL.

Wilson's road to the NHL was long and winding, unlike the trips for Lemieux or Muller, two kids who were riding buses in junior one day and earning \$100,000 or more a year the next with no detours along the way.

"I've completed my pre-med and have one year left for an undergraduate degree in chemistry," said Wilson, who'd like to be an orthopedic man like his dad when his hockey career is over. He was drafted while in school, but chose to go to Finland rather than try the NHL, an unorthodox route. Usually it's NHL players who can't make it anymore in North America who flee to Europe for big money. But Wilson took the back door. He knew the schedule was shorter over there, so he could play hockey and still return to the States in order to work on his studies.

"I just wanted to put off pro hockey for a couple of years," Wilson said, explaining that the game in Finland also helped improve his hockey skills a lot, too. Playing on the bigger ice surfaces in Europe helped in that regard.

He gladly put off the NHL a little bit longer when Dave King, coach of the Canadian Olympic team, called. Carey probably was Canada's best forward along with Pat Flatley, now a winger for the New York Islanders. Again, it was an educational process for Wilson.

"Dave worked personally on my skating," Wilson explained. "It was my biggest concern if I wanted to play the Russians, Swedes and Czechs. I had to find a way to keep up with them."

It's unlikely Carey Wilson will stay among the NHL's top 10 scorers the entire year. It's terribly tough company trying to keep up with the likes of Wayne Gretzky, Jari Kurri, Mike Bossy and some of the league's other top stars. But his name is now on the tote board when it comes to talking about the NHL's top rookies.



Carey Wilson

The 'Rat' Still Gnawing Away in Boston

NEW YORK—He's the "little guy," as the great Soviet goalie Vladislav Tretiak once referred to Ken Linseman. Of course, Linseman has been called other things by opponents who have never cared for his rough-and-tumble style, which sometimes borders on the illegal.

He was nicknamed "The Rat" a long time ago, and never did the title seem so appropriate. The uniforms have changed—from Philadelphia to Edmonton and now to Boston—but the Rat hasn't changed at all. Why, earlier this season he bit former Edmonton teammate Lee Fogolin in the cheek, forcing Fogolin to head to the hospital for a tetanus shot. Linseman, naturally, displayed no remorse.

What he's been displaying a lot of with Boston is skill. "I feel my role with the Bruins is the same as it was with the Oilers," he said. "I'm out there to create offensive chances and to take pressure off of some of the other guys, like Rick Middleton."

Linseman evidently is doing his job well. He has literally been at the center of the team's rebirth. While the acquisition

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of Charlie Simmer may have spurred the lagging Bruins back on the track after an early-season slump, it is Linseman whose speed and craftiness help make Simmer the kind of offensive threat Boston has needed for so long. Simmer, remember, is used to playing with fleet and small Marcel Dionne in Los Angeles. Linseman also is fleet, and even smaller, and he already has had an impact on the Bruins.

When General Manager Harry Sinden surrendered Mike Krushelnyski to the Oilers last summer for Linseman, he knew what he was doing. He gave a powerful left wing for a player who could make an entire line go. Linseman not only brought his reputation with him, but he also arrived with the kind of enthusiasm the aging Bruins appeared to need in order to reclaim the Wales Conference final berth they had two years ago before being supplanted by Montreal last season.

"The trade produced a lot of positive things for me," Linseman said. "I'm happy to be back in the U.S. And I like Boston. It's a lot like Philadelphia. I like the Boston Garden. It's a good building to play in. And, of course, I have a chance to be on a Cup winner with the Bruins."

Naturally, the competition is still there, but Linseman always thrived on his competitive spirit. The Oilers needed him to help push a team that depended too much on Wayne Gretzky, and he responded with his best seasons. He had 33 goals his first year with the Oilers, more than he'd ever scored before in the NHL. But when Mark Messier was moved to center last season and won the Conn Smythe Trophy as most valuable player in the Stanley Cup playoffs, Linseman became expendable.

How appropriate he should end up on the team that he seemed so ideally suited for in the first place. There is a story that Linseman seemed like a pint-sized version of Bobby Clarke, No. 16, when he first arrived in Philadelphia. "They they are, No. 16 and 16A," someone is supposed to have said. "And they should give Clarke the 16A." But Linseman never was a bully, although he remains a conniving player never afraid to use a slash or an elbow to get the job done.

But his work ethic seemed more in line with the Bruins, who were unchallenged as the league's hardest-working team for so long until the Islanders won four straight Stanley Cups on the strength of their tireless play.

"What we have to do to be successful is work hard," he said. "We have to realize that."

The struggle will not be nearly as hard with Simmer, one of the outstanding acquisitions of Sinden's impeccable career as a wheeler-dealer, on left wing. Remember, he's the man who took abuse for getting the short end of the stick when he dealt Phil Esposito and Carol Vadnais to the Rangers for Brad Park and Jean Ratelle. Five years later, Sinden was lavishly praised for making the trade.

Getting Linseman shouldn't go unnoticed, either. No, he's not



Ken Linseman . . . Questionable tactics.

popular with opposing players or fans. Sometimes, he's not even popular in the city he's playing in. And there can be no excusing some of the tactics he employs. But he's been in three Stanley Cup finals, he has one championship ring, and that says something about him.

So he was shocked after being dealt by the Oilers. He recovered. He passes it off as "strictly a matter of economics." He was in the option year of a contract that paid him a reported \$180,000—or \$80,000 more than Krushelnyski. While the move of Messier to center surely was at least equally an important factor, it's Linseman's outlook that remains important.

He appears convinced the Bruins can get to the finals, and who would argue the point, especially in what is already shaping up as a wide-open free-for-all in the Adams Division and in the conference.

"We have a nucleus of good players," Linseman said. "We have guys like Rick Middleton and Ray Bourque, Mike O'Connell. And Pete Peeters in goal. We have a lot of grinders."

Maybe the Bruins can even grind their way to the finals. And then they'd probably play the Oilers. Wouldn't that be something?

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	Yr	G	Min	FGA	FG	FTG	FT	Pts	Reb
1981-82	1	23	133	187	82	144	73	241	239
1982-83	2	25	144	203	81	144	78	243	250
Total		48	277	390	163	288	151	484	489



CHARLES BARKLEY
Born February 20, 1963 at Louisville, Ky. Height 6'6". Weight 200.
High School—Louisville, Ky. (Central); College—University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky. (1981-82);
Drafted by Philadelphia in first round as an underclassman, 1984 (5th pick).

COLLEGIATE RECORDS									
	Yr	G	Min	FGA	FG	FTG	FT	Pts	Reb
1981-82	1	23	133	187	82	144	73	241	239
1982-83	2	25	144	203	81	144	78	243	250
Total		48	277	390	163	288	151	484	489



CORY BLACKWELL
Born March 27, 1963 at Chicago, Ill. Height 6'7". Weight 215.
High School—Chicago, Ill. (Catholic); College—University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wis. (1981-82);
Drafted by Seattle in second round as an underclassman, 1984 (26th pick).

COLLEGIATE RECORDS									
	Yr	G	Min	FGA	FG	FTG	FT	Pts	Reb
1981-82	1	23	133	187	82	144	73	241	239
1982-83	2	25	144	203	81	144	78	243	250
Total		48	277	390	163	288	151	484	489



SAMUEL PAUL BOWIE
(Sam)
Born March 17, 1964 at Lebanon, Pa. Height 7'1". Weight 220.
High School—Lebanon, Pa. (Lebanon); College—University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (1982-83);
Drafted by Portland in first round, 1984 (13th pick).

COLLEGIATE RECORDS									
	Yr	G	Min	FGA	FG	FTG	FT	Pts	Reb
1981-82	1	23	133	187	82	144	73	241	239
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Scoring Leaders

Ga.	G.	A.	Pts.
Gretzky, Edmonton	20	19	35
Bossy, N.Y. Islanders	19	22	24
Brent Sutter, Islanders	19	16	26
Kurri, Edmonton	20	21	16
Nilsson, Calgary	20	9	25
Kerr, Philadelphia	18	19	13
Tonelli, N.Y. Islanders	19	10	20
Wilson, Calgary	20	10	20
Gartner, Washington	18	12	16
Nicholls, Los Angeles	20	14	13
Goulet, Quebec	20	13	13
Dionne, Los Angeles	20	10	16
Yzerman, Detroit	18	7	19
Savard, Chicago	19	8	17
Federko, St. Louis	17	6	19
LaFontaine, N.Y. Islanders	19	6	19
MacInnis, Calgary	20	5	20

BOSTON

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Ray Bourque	19	5	19	11	20
Tom Fergus	19	10	9	19	3
Rick Middleton	19	9	10	19	8
Ken Linseman	18	7	11	18	6
Charlie Simmer	18	10	7	17	1
Mike O'Connell	18	6	10	16	-6
Geoff Courtnall	18	3	8	11	6
Dave Silk	19	6	4	10	5
Lyndon Byers	13	2	7	9	2
Terry O'Reilly	15	4	4	8	-2
Louis Sleigher	18	2	6	8	-3
Keith Crowder	19	4	3	7	5
Jim Nil	18	1	6	7	-5
John Blum	19	1	4	5	3
Steve Kasper	19	1	4	5	-6
Mats Thelin	19	1	4	5	15
Mike Milbury	19	0	4	4	-6
Nevin Markwart	12	0	3	3	0
Barry Pederson	3	1	1	2	-1
Pete Peeters	14	0	0	0	0
Brian Curran	18	0	0	0	-5

BUFFALO

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Dave Andreychuk	19	10	13	23	-12
Gil Perreault	19	8	11	19	-1
Mal Davis	19	10	6	16	-4
Gilles Hamel	19	4	11	15	-2
Phil Housley	16	3	12	15	-6
Ric Selinger	18	7	6	13	12
John Tucker	13	5	7	12	0
Brent Ramsey	19	2	8	10	5
Brent Peterson	18	4	5	9	6
Craig Ramsay	19	4	5	9	6
Mike Foligno	19	5	3	8	-7
Bill Hajt	17	3	5	8	16
Adam Greighton	19	2	5	7	-7
Lindy Ruff	9	1	6	7	-1
Timothy Jutla	9	1	5	6	-7
Hannu Virta	13	0	6	6	-7
Paul Cyr	14	2	3	5	-10
Jim Wiener	7	2	2	4	-5
Sean McKenna	12	2	2	4	-7
Steve Patrick	12	2	2	4	-1
Larry Playfair	18	0	3	3	-10
Real Cloutier	3	0	0	0	0
Dave Fenyes	8	0	0	0	-3
Bob Sauve	10	0	0	0	0
Tom Barrasso	9	0	0	0	0

CALGARY

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Kent Nilsson	20	9	25	34	-9
Carey Wilson	20	10	20	30	10
Al MacInnis	20	5	20	25	0
Colin Patterson	20	12	12	24	9
Paul Reinhart	20	11	13	24	5
Richard Kromm	20	10	8	18	7
Jim Peplinski	20	6	12	18	12
Eddy Beers	19	8	9	17	2
Hakan Loob	20	7	10	17	-4
Steve Tambellini	20	10	5	15	8
Dan Quinn	20	6	6	12	-4
Jamie Macoun	18	0	7	7	8
Paul Baxter	19	2	4	6	9
Steve Konroyd	19	0	6	6	5
Steve Bozek	6	1	4	5	0
Jim Jackson	10	1	4	5	1
Mike Eaves	9	0	5	5	-2
Tim Hunter	18	2	2	4	6
Yves Courteau	11	1	3	4	1
Karl Eloranta	20	1	2	3	1
Charles Bourgeois	9	1	0	1	2
Lanny McDonald	1	0	0	0	-1
Reggie Lemelin	10	0	0	0	0
Don Edwards	12	0	0	0	0

CHICAGO

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Denis Savard	19	8	17	25	0
Steve Lamer	20	13	11	24	2
Doug Wilson	20	5	17	22	7
Troy Murray	20	9	11	20	9
Bob Murray	20	0	16	16	2
Curt Fraser	20	8	6	14	3
Ed Olczyk	20	7	7	14	5
Darryl Sutter	14	8	4	12	2
Bill Gardner	20	6	5	11	1
Al Secord	20	5	4	9	-3
Keith Brown	20	0	9	9	1
Tom Lysiak	17	3	5	8	-10
Behn Lysak	20	4	3	7	-4
Steve Ludzik	19	3	4	7	7
Rick Paterson	19	1	6	7	7
Bob MacMillan	20	2	4	6	-10
Ken Yaremchuk	8	2	3	5	-2
Dave Feamster	14	1	3	4	6
Jack O'Callahan	13	2	1	3	3
Marc Bergevin	7	0	3	3	-1
Jerome Dupont	10	0	3	3	-2
Warren Skorodenski	5	0	0	0	0
Murray Banner	17	0	0	0	0

DETROIT

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Steve Yzerman	18	7	19	26	-2
Ron Duguay	18	10	11	21	-10
John Ogronick	18	10	9	19	-5
Ivan Boldirev	18	8	8	16	-5
Kelly Kislo	18	4	8	12	-7
Reed Larson	18	4	8	12	-6
Danny Gare	14	4	4	8	-2
Dwight Foster	18	3	4	7	0
Brad Park	5	3	3	6	-1
Lane Lambert	18	2	4	6	6
Bob Manno	18	2	4	6	-2

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Darryl Sittler	8	2	3	5	0
Milan Chalupa	12	0	5	5	3
Randy Ladouceur	18	1	3	4	-7
Larry Trader	13	1	2	3	7
Tiger Williams	18	1	2	3	-8
Greg Smith	18	0	3	3	-13
John Barrett	9	1	1	2	-4
Pierre Aubry	10	1	1	2	-2
Frantisek Cernik	11	1	1	2	-1
Colin Campbell	15	0	1	1	-6
Corrado Micalef	7	0	0	0	0
Shawn Burr	9	0	0	0	-4

EDMONTON

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Wayne Gretzky	20	19	35	54	35
Jari Kurri	20	21	16	37	31
Glenn Anderson	20	14	10	24	8
Paul Coffey	20	6	17	23	21
Mike Krushelnyski	20	7	10	17	22
Willie Lindstrom	20	4	11	15	6
Charlie Huddy	20	3	11	14	20
Gord Sherven	20	8	5	13	8
Kevin McClelland	20	4	6	10	3
Mark Messier	12	3	6	9	5
Dave Hunter	20	3	6	9	4
Randy Gregg	20	0	7	7	21
Dave Semenko	15	3	3	6	5
Pat Carroll	20	1	5	6	4
Bill Hughes	16	3	2	5	-1
Lee Fogolin	19	1	4	5	6
Kevin Lowe	20	1	4	5	9
Jaroslav Pouzar	10	0	5	5	1
Mark Habscheid	3	3	1	4	1
Don Jackson	20	0	3	3	17
Larry Melynk	1	0	1	1	2
Grant Fuhr	11	0	1	1	0
Andy Moog	10	0	0	0	0

HARTFORD

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Mark Johnson	19	6	12	18	-7
Ron Francis	19	6	11	17	-10
Risto Siltanen	19	4	13	17	-14
Bobby Crawford	19	7	8	15	-2
Greg Malone	17	4	11	15	-5
Ray Neufeld	19	6	8	14	-7
Sylvain Turgeon	12	7	6	13	-4
Torrie Robertson	19	3	7	10	-2
Tony Currie	10	2	5	7	0
Dave Lumley	18	2	4	6	-3
Mike Zuke	19	2	4	6	2
Chris Kotsopoulos	18	3	2	5	-5
Pat Boutette	17	2	3	5	-8
Sylvain Cote	18	0	5	5	-8
Dave Tippett	19	3	2	4	-5
Mark Fusco	16	2	2	4	-6
Joel Quenneville	19	1	3	4	-4
Dave Jensen	13	0	4	4	0
Randy Pierce	15	2	1	3	-1
Wally Weir	10	1	1	2	3
Mike Crombeen	6	0	1	1	0
Marty Howe	5	0	0	0	-5

LOS ANGELES

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Bernie Nicholls	20	14	13	27	4
Marcel Dionne	20	10	16	26	8
Jim Fox	20	7	15	22	3
Dave Taylor	20	9	11	20	10
Brian MacLellan	20	8	12	20	5
Doug Smith	20	7	7	14	-3
Garry Galley	20	4	10	14	4
Mark Hardy	20	2	11	13	1
Phil Sykes	20	6	4	10	-1
Terry Ruskowski	20	5	5	10	2
Craig Redmond	20	1	7	8	3
Anders Hakansson	20	4	2	6	-4
Brian Engblom	20	0	6	6	5
John Paul Kelly	18	2	2	4	0
Jay Wells	20	0	4	4	5
Bob Miller	18	0	3	3	-5
Rick LaPointe	20	0	3	3	-2
Daryl Evans	7	1	0	1	2
Carl Mokosak	6	0	1	1	-1
Steve Seguin	5	0	0	0	-5

MINNESOTA

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Neal Broten	19	4	13	17	-4
Dennis Maruk	19	9	7	16	0
Brian Bellows	19	8	8	16	1
Tom McCarthy	14	5	9	14	5
Craig Hartsburg	19	5	9	14	-3
Mark Napier	18	4	9	13	-3
Steve Payne	19	7	5	12	-3
Keith Acton	18	4	8	12	5
Gordie Roberts	18	0	9	9	2
Curt Giles	19	1	6	7	7
Ken Solheim	19	4	2	6	0
Dino Ciccarelli	11	3	3	6	0
Scott Bjogstad	9	3	3	6	1
Brad Maxwell	19	2	4	6	-2
Brent Ashton	19	2	4	6	1
Brian Lawton	19	1	5	6	1
Willi Plett	4	3	1	4	0
Harold Snepsts	17	0	4	4	5
Paul Holmgren	3	1	2	3	3
Dave Richter	13	1	2	3	2
Bob Rouse	13	1	1	2	-4
Tom Hirsch	2	0	1	1	2
Dirk Graham	3	0	1	1	0
Don Beaupre	12	0	0	0	0

MONTREAL

GP.	G.	A.	Pts.	+/-	Pim.
Mats Naslund	18	7	8	15	12
Bobby Smith	18	6	9	15	-3
Chris Chelios	18	2	13	15	8
Pierre Mondou	18	4	10	14	8
Guy Carbonneau	18	5	7	12	7
Larry Robinson	17	3	9	12	14
Mario Tremblay	13	4	6	10	2
Mark Hunter	17	6	3	9	-1
Bob Gainey	18	6	3	9	6
Ron Flockhart	18	3	6	9	5
Mike McPhee	14	2	6	8	2
Tom Kurvers	13	2	5	7	5
Ryan Walter	10	5	1	6	-2
Lucien DeBlois	14	4	2	6	3
Chris Nilan	18	3	3	6	6
Petr Svoboda	14	1	5	6	5
Guy Lafleur	18	2	3	5	-2
Rick Green	18	0	4	4	-3
Craig Ludwig	10	1	1	2	1
Alfie Turcotte	6	0	2	2	-

A New Slogan

When he was hired to his first National Hockey League coaching job, Vancouver's Bill LaForge said he learned his trade at the school of hard knocks. He said one of his players would earn his PHD in one season. He wasn't talking about a Ph.D.; he meant his players would learn about Pride, Hustle and Determination.

LaForge, a successful junior hockey coach, oozed enthusiasm. Vancouver General Manager Harry Neale said during the summer that whenever he felt down about something, all he had to do was talk to LaForge and his spirits would perk up.

LaForge is one of those guys you could always count on for a good quote or two after every game, even in defeat. During the off-season, he said he couldn't see how his Canucks could possibly come up short of 50 victories. Another of his theories was that young players should be allowed to play offense without being constrained to wasting their abilities on playing defense. He pointed to the success of Edmonton's hell-bent-for-leather attack.

One night after a particularly disheartening defeat, LaForge said, "Injuries aside, we're not that bad a team on paper. But paper wraps Christmas presents, it doesn't win hockey games."

There were no early Christmas presents for LaForge, however, on the ice or off. On November 21, after taking his team to a 4-14-2 record, worst in the National Hockey League, LaForge was fired. Neale went behind the Vancouver bench for the second consecutive season.

"You cannot ignore our injury situation, but there are some other things you can't ignore, too," Neale told James Lawton of the Vancouver Sun shortly before the change. "One of them is that we've lost games we should have won."

"It's no fun playing defensive hockey. However, if you give some players an out like Bill did, they'll take it. It's human nature. We've got to go back to the basics, and one of them is defense."

Neale admitted personal fear for his job after a 5-1 setback to the Winnipeg Jets on November 23, the second straight loss for the Canucks since Neale took over. "You don't have to be a Rhodes scholar to see that my job's on the line, too," he said.

According to a headline in one of the Vancouver newspapers, the new meaning of PHD is Protect Harry's Derriere.

Carrots Help Oilers See the Light

If you are fortunate enough to get a look at the championship ring worn by the Edmonton Oilers for winning the Stanley Cup last May, you might wonder why the Oilers would put a carrot on that ring. And why would that carrot have one bite taken out of it?

Late last season, you see, Glen Sather, Edmonton's coach and general manager, hung a carrot in the dressing room. He dangled it in front of his players for several months. While it became dried up and uglier by the day, nobody removed it because Sather told his players that this particular carrot represented the Stanley Cup.

"If you take it down," he told the players, "you may blow the Stanley Cup."

When they won the Cup, the players asked that a carrot become part of the ring's design—with one bite out of it. Presumably, if the Oilers win the Stanley Cup this season, the design of their next rings will include a carrot with two bites gone.

Sather, by the way, told the Edmonton Journal that this definitely will be his last season. "I'm definitely not coaching next year," he said. "And I'm not even sure I'm going to finish this season out." Sather said he was confident that assistant coach John Muckler could step right in to guide the Oilers.

Chopping Down a Cherry Tree

Purchasing a satellite dish to save on some of the expensive advance scouting costs is the "in" thing for NHL clubs. But Washington G.M. David Poile ran into an obstacle when he had a dish installed in his backyard. One night earlier this year, he had difficulty when he wanted to watch a New Jersey-Edmonton game.

"There was a tree in the way of Satcom III," he said. "Now, I have to go out and cut down a tree so I can get the games."

Washington right wing Mike Gartner recently tied his club record when he scored points in 17 consecutive games. He also became the Capitals' leading point-getter, surpassing Dennis Maruk's old mark of 431 in a 5-0 victory over Chicago November 25. Pat Riggin posted his ninth career shutout in that contest. . . . Gartner's 17-game point streak stood as the tops in the NHL this season for only a couple of days, however. Los Angeles center Bernie Nicholls extended his streak to 18 games November 24 by scoring his 15th goal of the season in a 9-5 loss to Winnipeg. . . . Nicholls isn't the only Los Angeles center scoring a lot of points this season, though. Marcel Dionne recorded his 28th career hat trick in the Kings' 5-4 victory over Calgary November 19. Dionne notched his 1,400th career point in that one, the sixth of seven straight victories for the Kings.



By LARRY WIGGE,
Associate News Editor

Melanson Dealt To North Stars

UNIONDALE, N.Y.—All three of the New York Islanders' goalies the last two seasons agreed that three into two just doesn't go. Whether it was dividing practice time or game action, the equation didn't work. On November 19, General Manager Bill Torrey finally made things add up.

Torrey traded Roland Melanson to the Minnesota North Stars for a first-round draft choice in either 1985 or '86, with the Islanders having the option of making that decision. The trade left Billy Smith and Kelly Hru-day as the Islanders' netminders.

Melanson, 24, won more than 20 games in each of his three full seasons with the Islanders and posted a 77-34-14 record while allowing 3.14 goals per game. He shared the William Jennings Trophy with Smith in 1982-83 for the NHL's best team goals-against average.

Melanson told Newsday's Tim Moriarty that he had been asking for more playing time or a trade since late last season. "I feel like a 1,000-pound weight has been lifted off my shoulders," he said after the trade.

After saying goodbye to all of his ex-teammates, Melanson joked, "I guess this means I'm going to have to dress for every game, and I was going to ask for a week off over Christmas."

When Melanson arrived in Minnesota, he admitted that playing second fiddle to Smith in the playoffs was particularly difficult to accept.

"You knew once it was the playoffs, you were going to be put up on a stand and not participate," said Melanson. "It was discouraging. But I'm forgetting about that and dealing with the future and not the past now."

Melanson's first game for the North Stars was a 5-4 overtime victory over New Jersey on November 23.

At Minnesota, Melanson joins veteran goalies Don Beaupre and Gilles Meloche. However, Meloche has informed the North Stars that he is playing out his option.

Minnesota G.M. Lou Nanne and his old buddy, Torrey, don't get involved in too many trades. In their last deal, Torrey traded minor leaguer Frank Beaton to the North Stars for a steak dinner at a New York restaurant.

"I'd say this deal is quite a bit bigger than that one," said Nanne.

Rolling the Dice

Last season, the Calgary Flames averaged 3.89 goals per game. This season, the Flames were averaging 4.96 goals per game after their first 22 games. More goals. Why?

Calgary Coach Bob Johnson likes to say the difference is in his young players. "The league considers a player a rookie as long as he hasn't played in more than 25 games, but really they are all rookies until they've played in every building around the league," he explained recently. "I think, by that time, they've seen it all."

"The eight or nine players we had with us in their first year in the league last season have seen almost every building now, and I think they are becoming confident they belong here."

Three of those players still working their way around the league the first time are Carey Wilson, Richard Kromm and Colin Patterson. They are on a roll. Maybe that's why Calgary's Johnson calls them the dice line. It might also have something to do with the fact that Wilson wears uniform No. 11, Kromm No. 22 and Patterson No. 33.

One team that has held the Flames down this season is St. Louis. The Blues have already swept their three-game series with the Flames, winning 4-2 and 3-1 at Calgary and 5-2 in St. Louis. . . . St. Louis's Doug Wickenheiser, often abused in Montreal after being the first pick in the 1980 draft, has had six goals so far this season for the Blues. Five of those tallies have been the first goal of the game, making Wickenheiser the league leader in first goals. . . . Mark Reeds, one of Wickenheiser's linemates, notched his first career hat trick in Vancouver November 20. There were two other first-timers in the hat-trick derby during the week, Montreal's Mats Naslund and Boston's Steve Kasper.

The Toronto Maple Leafs may have only won one time in their last 14 starts, but their 6-4 triumph at Montreal November 19—ending a 10-game winless skid—was a sweet one. It was the first time in eight years that the Leafs, once the near-equal of the Canadiens, had beaten Les Habitants at the Montreal Forum. . . . Montreal defenseman Larry Robinson recorded his 500th career assist in that contest.

Since suffering a humiliating 5-4 overtime loss to the Rangers November 9, the Islanders had not lost in seven games (6-0-1) and Billy Smith had played a prominent roll, winning six straight. Bryan Trottier's return to the lineup hasn't hurt, either. . . . The Flyers were another hot team, going 8-0-1. Philadelphia goalie Pelle Lindbergh was off to a splendid start (8-0-3). . . . Chicago rookie goaltender Warren Skorodenski was just as hot, winning all five of his starts this season. . . . The Sabres may be struggling on the road this season, but Buffalo had the

No. 1 power play in the NHL. The Sabres set a club record by scoring at least one power-play goal in each of their first 18 games. . . . Power play, or lack of it, is one of the big reasons the New York Rangers were struggling, losing eight out of 12 starts. The absence of defenseman Ron Greschner, out with a shoulder separation, might account for the powerless power play. The Rangers had the second-best power-play percentage (25.8) before Greschner's injury.

Have you noticed that the North Stars have lost only once since Glen Sonmor took over as coach, going 3-1-3? . . . The Quebec Nordiques recently won their first overtime decision in 18 tries over two seasons, beating Chicago, 3-2, November 20. They made it two in a row in sudden death with a triumph over the Rangers November 25. . . . Wonder why the Nordiques were stumbling a bit earlier this season? Some figured it was a lack of production from the Stastny brothers. "When you have three brothers on the same team it's not like coaching three friends," Quebec Coach Michel Bergeron said. "If you don't dress one, the other two get worried and aren't happy."

Why is it that the opposition's best shooter always seems to be in front of the net for a shot at the most important times in a game? "It's one of the mysterious of life," suggested New Jersey goalie Chico Resch after finding Jari Kurri all alone in front of him in the final seconds of a loss to Edmonton. "It's like putting your socks in the wash and finding one missing after you run them through the dryer. How can it happen?"

Check with the Oddsmakers

Winnipeg Coach Barry Long had an interesting question after his Jets lost 7-5 to Edmonton on November 21.

"Is there a law of averages?" asked Long, whose Jets now have lost 18 straight games to the Oilers, including six straight playoff meetings over the last two years. "I'm not so sure. We are hoping that we are building toward a team that can beat the Oilers, but it didn't look that way tonight."

When the league's general managers met in Chicago recently, some suggested that Vancouver's Harry Neale and Pittsburgh's Eddie Johnston huddled right away. One source suggested Pittsburgh's Mike Bullard (51 goals last season, but a plus-minus rating of minus-16 this season and in the option year of his contract) might be involved in the talks and that Neale was offering his No. 1 pick for Bullard. . . . The rumor mills suggest that Chicago defenseman Behn Wilson is on the market and that he was recently offered to Montreal for right wing Mario Tremblay. . . . New Jersey G.M. Max McNab denies that veteran defenseman Phil Russell, who has fallen into disfavor with the Devils' fans, is not on the market, squelching rumors that he was headed to Buffalo for right wing Steve Patrick. . . . Sabres G.M. Scotty Bowman, by the way, lost four straight games in an attempt to tie Dick Irvin for the all-time victory mark of 690. Buffalo's 1-9-1 road record hasn't made Scotty any easier to live with. . . . The Red Wings were another club having trouble on the road, starting the season 0-9-1.

Whalers Harpoon Big Turkey

The Hartford Whalers, who had scored only nine goals in their last eight games, got all the turkey they wanted earlier in the day and then stuffed the Pittsburgh nets with goals that night with a 9-3 victory Thanksgiving night. Greg Malone keyed a 13-point night for his line with two goals and three assists, tying a club record with five points in one game.

Speaking of meals, the Whalers had their problems on the ice and in the air in November. After boarding their charter flight home for the second game of a home-and-home series with the Buffalo Sabres, the Whalers had a hard time trying to digest their 8-1 defeat when they were greeted by this announcement from a flight attendant: "Sorry about the loss, but we've got some more bad news. Your meals were mistakenly put on the Sabres' charter."

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Indians Face Void at Top

CLEVELAND—The sudden decision of New York City lawyer David LeFevre to withdraw his offer to buy the Cleveland Indians November 14 created a fresh crisis for the beleaguered club.

Following a new court challenge by minority stockholder Charles J. Neuger, who owns less than one percent of the team, LeFevre and his investment group dropped their quest to buy the franchise, at least temporarily.



"This whole thing has become a Chinese water torture, and I reached the point where it was necessary to turn off the water," said LeFevre, who'd had an agreement since June to buy the club from the estate of the late F.J. (Steve) O'Neill.

Despite accord between buyer and seller, LeFevre had been unable to take control of the team because of legal attacks by several stockholders. Nevertheless, LeFevre has not necessarily ended his attempt to purchase the Indians.

"I might come back," LeFevre said, "but it would be only in an uncontested and unlitigated situation."

One of the difficulties faced by LeFevre was financial. "The year is almost over and my group needs a place to put its money for tax purposes," he said two days before pulling out of the deal.

The Tribe faced a more immediate problem than LeFevre's failed attempt to take over the club. Gabe Paul, who announced he would step down as president when the Indians were sold, reiterated his determination to retire, an action that would leave the team without a leader.

Asked if there were any possibility that he might stay on, Paul said, "No way."

But while Paul insisted that he would not be around to guide the franchise after the first of the year, he was cryptic about his duties until then.

He admitted that he will attend the winter meetings December 2-7 in Houston, but he refused to be specific about what role he would play.

"Yes, I will be there," he said, "but it depends in what capacity. I might be a spectator."

Tal Smith will represent the Indians at the meetings as a consultant. Smith has handled arbitration cases for the Tribe the past few years, but he also was LeFevre's choice to restructure the club had the deal been completed.

The fact that Smith was scheduled to assist the Indians even after LeFevre withdrew his purchase offer fueled speculation that LeFevre's involvement had not ended.

When Paul was asked whether Smith would be an advisor or a decision-maker at the meetings, he answered: "Tal will be an important advisor in any decision the club makes."

SHELDON OCKER

Red Sox' Hopes Fade

BOSTON—When the Boston Red Sox made their three selections in the re-entry draft, they had slim hopes of signing one, possibly two.

Now it appears doubtful they will be able to sign any of them—righthander Don Aase, outfielder Lee Lacy and utility infielder Greg Pryor.



"Both Greg Pryor and Lee Lacy look at our lineup and feel they wouldn't get much of an opportunity to play and that's what they want," General Manager Lou Gorman said. "I talked with Pryor's agent and he more or less told me the Royals were going to make every effort to re-sign him because he is a valuable utility man for them."

"Lacy's agent told me his client looks at our outfield and

doesn't see much chance of playing regularly, which is what he wants. But I told both I'd make them an offer," Gorman added.

Gorman said he hadn't talked with Aase but wasn't very confident about getting his name on a contract. "He was drafted by 12 other clubs and I understand the Angels have made him their prime guy to re-sign," Gorman added.

Gorman said even though he didn't draft Angels righthander Bruce Kison, he does have some interest in him. "He's had problems with his back since his operation a couple of years ago and it will bother him the rest of his career," Gorman said. "But his arm is all right and we're going to talk with him. If the Angels aren't interested in him, we may do something to get a look at him in the spring."

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John Henry Johnson, the Sox' lefthanded reliever, became the fourth member of the team to undergo surgery since the season ended. He had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee to correct a minor problem. Team physician Dr. Arthur Pappas said Johnson should be able to begin working out in three weeks. Jerry Remy and Dwight Evans, who also underwent arthroscopic surgery, seem to be recovering on schedule. The fourth player operated on was first baseman Bill Buckner, who had some loose fragments taken out of his left elbow.

JOE GIULIOTTI

Gillick Says Well Has Run Dry

TORONTO—The race is on for Bruce Sutter and other free agents, but the Toronto Blue Jays have set a ceiling on how high they will go and are moving slowly.

"Everyone is in financial trouble," said Pat Gillick, vice-president of the Jays. "Teams are not spending dollars wildly anymore. There is much more concern over expenditures than ever before."



"Things can't continue the way they have been. Money, the kind the top draft choices are asking, is just not available."

"The saturation point has been reached." Gillick said ticket prices were a big part of the Jays' concern.

"As expenditures climb, there is a need to raise ticket prices," he said. "Many clubs have raised prices for the 1985 season. Costs of tickets in many cities is almost out of reach of the working man now. That's when trouble really starts."

Gillick said the Jays have not talked contract with designated hitter Cliff Johnson, a free agent, since October 27. "It's up to him to get in touch with us," said Gillick.

Johnson has not been using an agent, although Gillick said he has heard a rumor that Johnson has one. If Johnson cannot be signed, Gillick said, he is prepared to go with Jesse Barfield and George Bell as his righthanded-hitting DH in 1985.

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If a small sampling of Toronto and Montreal fans is any indication, Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's idea of letting the fans decide on the designated hitter rule will decide nothing. In Toronto, 76 of 100 fans contacted favored the DH rule. In Montreal, 69 of 110 were against it. The most common response favoring the DH was that the rule makes a more exciting game for the fans. Teams don't have to "waste an at-bat" watching a pitcher take three swings. Primary opposition to the DH came on two points: The fans said that baseball is a game of hitting and fielding, and players should do both; allowing someone else to hit for the pitcher changes the strategy and nature of the game.

ARLIE KELLER

Yankees Still High on Rijo

NEW YORK—During spring training and the first few weeks of the 1984 season, the New York Yankees and the New York Mets had teen-age pitching sensations who were attracting a great deal of attention. The Mets' phenom was, of course, Dwight Gooden. The other kid pitcher, rated ahead of Gooden by many observers in April, was Jose Rijo.



Rijo, regarded as the kid who couldn't miss, instead became the kid who wasn't ready for the big leagues. After blazing through the early weeks of the season, the hard-throwing, ultra-confident righthander wound up struggling in the minors.

Rijo, signed by the Yankees in 1981 at the age of 16, is scheduled to pitch this winter for Licey in the Dominican Republic. The Yankees are hoping he'll regain his form and his confidence.

Sammy Ellis, the former Yankees pitching coach who now is a minor league instructor, worked with Rijo during the Florida Instructional League season. Ellis, a highly regarded instructor who was credited with aiding the development of Dave Righetti, is still banking on Rijo's future.

"The thing to keep in mind is that he's only 19 years old and that there's nothing physically wrong with him," Ellis said from his home in Temple Terrace, Fla. "He's still a helluva prospect and he's going to be one helluva pitcher, I'm sure of that."

"He's in the process of making adjustments. Deliverywise and pitchwise, he's better than he was back in spring training. It's just taking a while for everything to blend together for him."

In spring training, it appeared that Rijo already had com-

pleted the blending process. He made the team, began the season in the bullpen and in his first six appearances gave every indication that the rave notices were on target. He pitched 12 1/3 innings, allowed one run and six hits and notched 13 strikeouts.

But as Gooden began his rise to spectacular heights, Rijo gradually deteriorated. A series of ineffective outings, combined with the Yankees' need for another starter, produced a temporary shift to the rotation. But that only made matters worse.

"Maybe he tried to be too much of a pitcher when he was starting," said pitching coach Jeff Torborg. "In the bullpen, he was just raring back and throwing. But all of a sudden, he didn't have his good breaking ball and he lost a little confidence."

By the All-Star break, Rijo had a 2-8 record and a 4.76 ERA. As a starter, he was 0-4 with a 5.67 ERA and never got beyond the sixth inning. As a reliever, he was 2-4 with a 4.08 ERA. He was sent to Columbus (International), but his problems continued. In 11 starts, he had a 3-3 record and a 4.41 ERA, with nearly as many walks as strikeouts.

"If he had one specific problem, it might have been that he was trying too hard," said Ellis. "He had a taste of life in the major leagues and he was trying overly hard to get back."

In Florida, pitching primarily against young minor leaguers, Rijo had an 0-3 record and a 6.27 ERA.

At this point, Rijo doesn't figure prominently in the Yankees plans for next season. But the future, the Yankees feel, is still bright.

"He's 19 years old, he's got outstanding stuff, he's a hard worker and he's very mature," said Ellis. "I'd still love to be his agent."

MOSS KLEIN

Opportunity for Schroeder?

MILWAUKEE—Bill Schroeder isn't counting on extra at-bats just because Jim Sundberg has demanded a trade from the Milwaukee Brewers.

"I'm taking everything with a grain of salt," Schroeder said. "I'm going about my business as if I'm going to be a backup again next year. That way, it can't be a letdown for me."

Schroeder hit 14 home runs as Sundberg's backup last year despite playing in only 61 games. When Sundberg was disabled by a back injury late last season, Schroeder took advantage of the opportunity with a hot bat, hitting 10 home runs in less than a month.

If Sundberg is indeed traded, Schroeder could be looking at a first-string job next year.

"All I know is what I've read in the papers," Schroeder said. "It wasn't a surprise. Sunny told me before the season was over he was going to do that."

"I don't think it's a situation where he doesn't like it here. It's a matter of circumstances. He was traded while he was under a long-term contract, and he has the right to do that. It's a chance for him to renegotiate. I think he'll be back next year."

George Bamberger, who will return next season as the Brewers' manager, likes what he has heard about Schroeder.

"Every time I picked up the paper, Bill Schroeder was hitting a home run or two," Bamberger said. "I really liked that."

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The Brewers dropped pitchers Andy Beene and Tom Candiotti and infielder Willie Lozada from their 40-man roster to make room for four additions. They added pitchers Chuck Crim, who had a 7-4 record, 17 saves and a 1.50 ERA for El Paso of the Texas League, and Chris Bosio, who won 17 games for Beloit of the Midwest League; and infielders Billy Robidoux, who batted .279 for Stockton of the California League, and Dale Sveum, who hit .329 and drove in 83 runs for El Paso. . . . The Brewers announced there would be no change in ticket prices for the 1985 season.

TOM FLAHERTY

Tigers Lose Two Coaches

DETROIT—Winning has been no guarantee of off-season tranquility for the Detroit Tigers. Three players, Dave Rozema, John Grubb and Rupert Jones, went through free agency, and are uncertain about returning to Detroit.

Relief pitcher Willie Hernandez, winner of nearly every award he was eligible to win, still hasn't signed and reportedly is seeking deferred payments through the year 2001 on the strength of one outstanding season.

And two coaches, both vital parts of the team, decided not to come back. Gates Brown, the hitting instructor, quit in a bitter salary squabble, while Roger Craig, the pitching coach who mastered the teaching technique of the split-fingered fastball, quietly retired to spend more time with his family and develop his land near San Diego.

Craig said he was tired of traveling after a 35-year career, but left the door open to unretiring if the San Diego Padres decide to offer him a job.

"Don't get me wrong," he said. "I'm not campaigning for it at all. But I've read a few reports they might be interested in me. If that's the case, I wouldn't rule it out. At least when the

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Twins' Payroll to Soar

TWIN CITIES — With most of the Minnesota Twins' players eligible for arbitration, following a respectable season, the payroll is in for a substantial increase in 1985.

The Twins' payroll went from the lowest in baseball, \$2.8 million in 1983, to over \$4 million in 1984. It could wind up at over \$7 million next season, even if the Twins fail to sign high-priced free agent Andre Thornton.



Still, the Twins are fortunate that salaries will not be based on the projections of Eddie Epstein, a University of Delaware honors graduate.

Epstein, who is doing some work for Baltimore attorney Tony Agnone and other sports agents, has arrived at a formula to determine the worth of today's players, based on production, team revenues, expenses, inflationary trends and other factors.

According to Epstein's compilations, the Twins received a bargain when they paid first baseman Kent Hrbek \$350,000 in 1984. Epstein says Hrbek's production (.311, 27 home runs, 107 RBIs) was worth \$1.77 million to the Twins.

Some of Epstein's other figures involving the Twins: Frank Viola, 18-12, 3.21 ERA, was worth \$1.67 million by current standards; Mike Smithson, 15-13, 3.68, was worth \$1.42 million, and John Butcher, 13-11, 3.44 ERA, was worth \$1.36 million. The Twins had all three of those starting pitches for a total of \$350,000 last season.

Calvin Griffith, now chairman of the board, watched the Twins' Florida Instructional League club and was impressed by outfielder Dave Vetsch. "He looks like he's going to be a hell of a hitter," Griffith said. . . . There was a report the Twins had offered Thornton a three-year, \$2 million package. "All we have had so far are courtesy calls," Twins President Howard Fox said. "It hasn't gotten down to serious contract negotiations yet."

PATRICK REUSSE

New Surface for Royals

KANSAS CITY—The old, sun-bleached artificial surface won't be around for criticism in Kansas City come next season.

It is all part of the face-lift Royals Stadium is getting this off-season. The Tartan Turf surface, which long since passed the stage of being in good shape, has been torn up and discarded.



At a cost of \$1.75 million, the Royals are covering the field with AstroTurf 8 Drain-thru, a permeated surface similar to the one that Monsanto installed at Busch Stadium in St. Louis a year ago.

Had the club opted for a natural grass field, it would have cost around \$500,000 to make the change, a savings of \$1.25 million.

"It's not the cheapest," said Herk Robinson, Royals executive

vice president-administration. "But those involved with the decision felt this is the Cadillac of systems."

"I think that knowing we weren't pioneers with this field, that it was in place and worked successfully, made it easier."

The players insist that anything would be better than the rock-hard surface of recent years in Kansas City. It is particularly good news to players such as Frank White and George Brett, who have been bothered by aches and pains the last couple of seasons.

"From a climate standpoint, it (artificial turf) is the best thing for our stadium because of the rain and the fact we depend on people coming a long way to watch us play," White said.

Relief ace Dan Quisenberry narrowly beat out lefthander Bud Black in voting for the Royals' pitcher-of-the-year award by the local baseball writers. Quisenberry has also won the Rolands and THE SPORTING NEWS A.L. Fireman-of-the-Year awards for the fourth time in the last five seasons. . . . Talented young outfielder John Morris, in the Dominican Republic to play winter ball, recently lost 15 pounds because of a bout with the flu. . . . Morris, outfielder Ed Allen and catcher Russ Stephans have been added to the 40-man roster.

MIKE FISH

M's Promote Super Scout

SEATTLE — After all the American League rookie awards had been heaped upon the Seattle Mariners' Alvin Davis and Mark Langston, the M's had only one bit of unfinished business.

They promoted the scout who signed them.

Bob Harrison, who is more responsible for assembling this club than anybody, has been named special assistant to General Manager Hal Keller. The Southern California-based man is believed to be the first person to sign both THE SPORTING NEWS Rookie Pitcher (Langston) and Player (Davis) of the Year.

"He has a feel for the players," said Keller, himself one of baseball's top development men. "Scouting is as much art as science."

"In his new role we'll work together closely. He'll have more contact with other major league teams."

Harrison was on a vacation to Hawaii and unavailable for comment after the announcement. But at the World Series he talked modestly about his role.

"There's luck involved," he said. "A lot of this business is a gamble. You just have to go by what you feel."

Of 15 players currently in the major leagues discovered by Harrison, feelings played no bigger role than in the signings of Davis and Langston.

Davis was just a sixth-round pick out of Arizona State. Scouts scowled at his lack of speed and fielding. Harrison just smiled.

"You have to look at the total picture," he said. "What I saw, I liked. It was obvious the kid could hit."

Langston was even more of a steal. He was considered a first-round pick after his sophomore year at San Jose State, but he faltered as a junior. Harrison saw him in only one game that year, but realized the problems were only temporary.

Davis said, "It gives me goose bumps" after winning the Rookie of the Year prize awarded by the baseball writers. Instead of the usual banquet circuit, he is spending the winter speaking to church groups. . . . Terry Taylor, a righthanded pitcher, was added to the 40-man roster to replace Bill Nahorodny. Despite ending the season at Class-A Salinas (California) with bicipital tendinitis after going 7-6 with a 2.93 ERA, Taylor recovered in time for the Arizona Instructional League. There he was 3-1 with a 2.40 ERA, allowing 17 hits in 30 innings and fanning 19.

BILL PLASCHKE

Angels Salute Fans

ANAHEIM—Searching for a focus for their upcoming silver anniversary season, the California Angels had little trouble isolating those most worthy of being honored: their fans.

After 25 years, there is still no pennant to show for Gene Autry's dedication and millions of dollars spent on talent. There are just two American League West titles, little tradition and a legacy for heartbreak.



Through it all, though, Angels fans have excelled as either the most loyal or gullible in baseball. No wonder most of the planned anniversary festivities will salute the paying customer.

In the 19 years since leaving Dodger Stadium and moving to Anaheim, the most significant part of the Angel era, the team has averaged 1.5 million customers per season, despite only five winning seasons. The Angels have averaged 2,517,500 over the last five full seasons (excluding strike-shortened 1981) despite a cumulative record of 399-409.

In that period, California also set league records for single-season attendance (2,807,360 in 1982) and season ticket sales (18,000 in 1983).

The club's first thank-you gesture was the decision to maintain existing ticket prices, already the lowest in the league. Similarly, much of the 1985 season will be dedicated to the fans. Marketing director John Hays was busy arranging other as-

pects of the Angels' 25th birthday: an anniversary logo and slogan, selection of an official team mascot and a contest to determine the 25 most memorable events in team history.

Former third base coach Preston Gomez' first assignment as General Manager Mike Port's assistant was a scouting tour of the Dominican Republic winter league. . . . Special scout Cookie Rojas was managing La Romana in the Dominican. . . . The Angels' opening offers to free agents Fred Lynn, Don Aase and Rob Wilfong were all rejected. . . . Rick Sutcliffe was in town on November 19 for Dodgers pitching coach Ron Perranoski's golf tournament, but Port had no plans to meet with the free-agent pitching ace.

TOM SINGER

Rookie Hurlers Please Chisox

CHICAGO—If the Chicago White Sox make any major trades this winter, which they hope to do, it could involve one of their starting pitchers. Why would they break up a staff which was so good two years ago?

Because of the up-and-comers, like Joel Davis, Bruce Tanner, John Johnson, Edwin Correa, Chris Jefts and Eric Schmidt. Not to mention reliever Jim Hickey.



General Manager Roland Hemond says the group reminds him of one which came along in the late 1970s—Britt Burns, Richard Dotson, Steve Trout and Richard Wortham.

"I would have to say they are in that category, although these guys are all righthanders," said Hemond. "They all have powerful arms, and that's why they're so impressive."

While the Sox have received trade offers, "it's not likely we'll deal any of them," according to Hemond. It is more likely the Sox would let go of a major leaguer in an effort to land a player who could help them next year. Which raises the question of how far away the youngsters are from the major leagues.

"Sometimes, it depends on the opportunity they get," said Hemond. "In the past, we have had to rush them. That's not the case now. Some pitchers can come fast if you give them the ball, but that depends on the staff you already have."

Dotson and Burns made the jump from Double A to the major leagues in 1980. Dotson won 12 games and Burns 15 that first season.

These pitchers—especially Davis and Tanner—hold the same potential. Davis was 6-0 with a 2.46 earned-run average in the Florida Instructional League. He was only 1-2 at Class-A Appleton (Midwest) and Double-A Glens Falls (Eastern) after suffering arm trouble in spring training.

Tanner has a sinker that comes in at 86 miles an hour. Tanner, son of former Sox manager Chuck Tanner, was a reliever part of last season at Appleton.

"But we needed a starter and he was exceptional in his first try," said Hemond. "After that, he won 10 in a row." Tanner was 12-4 with a 1.96 ERA at Appleton. Hickey was used only in relief at Appleton and wound up 13-5 with a 1.81 ERA and 96 strikeouts in 99 1/3 innings.

DAVE van DYCK

A's Tap Lieppman for Triple-A Post

OAKLAND—Slowly but surely, Keith Lieppman is making his way to the major leagues.

Lieppman, a player in the Oakland A's minor league system from 1971 to 1979, and a minor league manager for the club since 1980, has been named manager of the Tacoma Tigers (Pacific Coast), the A's Triple-A affiliate. He succeeds Ed Nottle, who was fired.



Lieppman, 35, managed at Albany in the Double-A Eastern League last season. His team reached the playoffs, but was swept in three games.

The highlight of Lieppman's speckled career as a first baseman and third baseman was his .321 batting average for Tucson in 1974. After managing at Modesto (California) for two seasons, at Idaho Falls (Pioneer) for one and at Albany for nearly two, Lieppman says he won't miss the bus rides and spartan lifestyle of the lower minors. Still, he is no hurry to reach the majors and was elated to be named manager at Tacoma.

"I was mildly surprised," he said. "I wasn't exactly expecting it. I played in this league a long time."

Managing a Triple-A club affords Lieppman a new challenge.

"You set down a basic goal you want to accomplish," he said. "That is to get players ready for the big leagues. You want to win. If you establish a winning attitude, it's a lot easier to perform."

Lieppman earned a journalism degree from the University of Kansas and was a member of the Jayhawks' 1969 Orange Bowl football team. . . . Chuck Estrada was named Tacoma's pitching coach. Estrada pitched for seven years in the majors, including five seasons with Baltimore in the early 1960s. Last season, he was pitching coach for Redwood, the Angels' California League club. . . . Bob Watson succeeds Willie Horton as the A's minor league hitting instructor.

KIT STIER

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Heat Is on Gillick to Push Jays to Top

BOSTON—Last winter, the pressure was on Bill Lajoie to make the moves to take the Tigers over the top. The Detroit general manager signed Darrell Evans, re-signed Milt Wilcox, traded for Willie Hernandez and Dave Bergman and won a world championship.

A.L. BEAT

By
PETER GAMMONS



Of course, it sometimes helps to have some luck. Lajoie would have dealt Glenn Wilson to Seattle for Bryan Clark had the Mariners not opted for Toronto's Barry Bonnell. Clark turned out to be one of the biggest flops of the trade market and Wilson ended up being traded to Philadelphia for Hernandez and Bergman.

But it is also significantly more difficult to get from the 88 to 90 wins plateau to the pennant than it is to wheel and deal from the bottom rung. Very simply, at the bottom, you have nothing to lose. When you've reached the 88-90 victory level, particularly in a division as strong as the American League East is right now, the necessary moves are often gambles.

Lajoie made them. Now, when the winter meetings begin December 1 in Houston, the pressure will be on several A.L. general managers to do what Lajoie did. First and foremost, the pressure is on Toronto's Pat Gillick. In 1983, the Blue Jays streaked out of their six-year basement abode and won 89 games. This year they were expected to win, which was a different experience. But by the end of the season, the pitching clearly was not good enough to win.

So now, even if a couple of kids like Matt Williams, John

Cerutti or Jack McKnight fall out of trees, Gillick must find pitching to go with Dave Stieb, Doyle Alexander and the inconsistent Luis Leal and Jim Clancy.

The Blue Jays do have talent to deal, mainly infielders such as Damaso Garcia, Alfredo Griffin or Tony Fernandez. They also could offer an outfielder, such as Jesse Barfield, and maybe even a catcher in Ernie Whitt. But pitching is difficult to obtain in a trade.

If they can't sign a Bruce Sutter, the Jays have to gamble on either a Don Aase or Rollie Fingers, and still trade for one or two pitchers, including a lefthander.

All of which puts Gillick on the front line. But he isn't alone. Hank Peters knows he has to begin rebuilding the Orioles around Eddie Murray and Cal Ripken, plus Mike Boddicker and a few other pitchers. The O's showed a lot of age in 1984 and need power to help the two big guys, perhaps another reliever (it's hard to tell about the Sutter-to-Baltimore rumors) and some speed.

The Yankees have to make a move or two to strengthen their starting pitching, particularly since they don't know about Phil Niekro—whose ERA was over 5.00 in the second half—and Ron Guidry.

While the Red Sox seem content with their home run-hitting lineup and young pitching, they don't have one starter who's won as many as 13 games. Their bullpen was in tatters in '84 and almost all their frontline players had the best years of their careers.

Chicago, of course, is the Western club under the most pressure to make changes. But the team that bears some watching is Minnesota. With a new owner in Carl Pohlad and Howard Fox in charge, the Twins have gone after Andre Thornton, and they may pursue a shortstop, a lefthanded hitter and pitching to build on their 81-81 team. The Twins have to know that in 1985, they will be expected to win, and that is a

very different proposition from their usual situation.

Oakland will make changes, actively shopping Ricky Henderson, due to become a free agent next October and available because of red ink. The Orioles, Dodgers and Yankees will be among the serious bidders. Baltimore was rumored to be offering Scott McGregor, Gary Roenicke and two kids, but now the A's are supposedly asking for Storm Davis and outfielder Mike Young.

A Henderson deal with the Dodgers is still in the inquiry stage, with Oakland uncertain about taking pitcher Alejandro Pena and a top prospect or a handful of kids. The Yankees at this point find the A's more interested in kids than Willie Randolph. Not that New York has much pitching to offer anyway. . . . The Red Sox were honestly told by agent Tom Reich that it wasn't worth their while to make an offer to Lee Lacy. His priority is guaranteed playing time. . . . Some American League clubs are interested in designated hitter Rufino Linares, released by the Braves. Of course, Linares' real age is subject to question. If you open up the 1984 Braves press guide, his birth date in the middle of the book is listed as 2/28/55, but under his biography, his birth date is 2/28/51. . . . Yes, Tony Armas did have more homers (43) than the combined total of the three top hitters on the Brewers (42).

NEWS FROM WINTER BALL: Scouts who saw Vida Blue throw for Ponce his first two times out weren't impressed. The pitchers who have opened the most eyes in Puerto Rico are Atlanta's Brian Fisher and San Diego lefty Ray Hayward. . . . Boston rookie Steve Lyons is off to a prodigious start for Arecibo in Puerto Rico and St. Louis outfielder Vince Coleman is doing well for Mayaguez. "Lyons," says Toronto scout Paul Ricciari, "is making constant improvement as a hitter. He has hit nothing but shots down here." . . . In the Dominican Republic, Toronto shortstop Tony Fernandez not only is playing exceptionally well, but one scout reports, "What astounds me is how hard he plays every day." . . . Young Yankees lefthander Tim Lincecum is throwing exceptionally well. They'd been worried about him because of a knee operation.

Scouts in Venezuela were raving about fireballer Colin McLaughlin, who has been on and off Toronto's 40-man roster. The reports induced the Blue Jays to finally add him to their roster, period. . . . Toronto rookie third baseman Kelly Gruber, Seattle outfielder Mickey Brantley, Pittsburgh pitcher Jeff Zaskie and Boston pitchers Omar Bencomo and Robin Fuson have all opened some eyes. Bencomo, a sleeper in the Sox system, pitched a one-hitter in his first start, and scouts are noticing Fuson, who'll be in spring training. "He could be a ninth or 10th pitcher on a staff," says a scout. "He's got the outstanding spitter, and his competitiveness is such that he could help despite marginal stuff." . . . There was a bit of a front page stir in Venezuela when the Red Sox signed outfielder Eduardo (18) and outfielder-third baseman Roberto (17) Zambano, who'd starred for the country's national team. They are well known, but part of the story was that their agent led reporters to believe they got the biggest bonuses of any Venezuelans, which turned out not to be true. The agent for the kids? Luis Aparicio.

—A.L. East—

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team was home, I'd be really home.

"I hope Tiger fans wouldn't regard me as a traitor if I took the job. It's just that I want more time to enjoy life with my family. I don't look on it as retirement anyway, even if I'm not in baseball next year. I'm just going on to other activities. I have land to develop and a log cabin to build."

Craig was credited with many accomplishments with the Tigers. Three years ago, he called the pitches from the dugout so Lance Parrish could devote more time to improving his defense. Then he taught Jack Morris and Milt Wilcox, as well as other Tiger pitchers, the split-fingered fastball.

Mostly, though, he was the righthand man of Manager Sparky Anderson.

—A.L. West—

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Rangers' TV Deal Held Up

ARLINGTON—Texas Rangers marketing vice-president Larry Schmittou had hoped to have a decision on the sale of the club's TV rights before Thanksgiving. However, it has been delayed, along with the sale of 30 percent of the club to Gaylord Broadcasting, until the owners get together at the winter meetings in Houston December 2-7.



Schmittou is concerned because the delay means the sale of TV advertising also must be put on hold until that time.

Rangers Owner Eddie Chiles met with Commissioner Peter Ueberroth in New York on November 16, the second face-to-face meeting between the two men to discuss the proposed sale, which could funnel as much as \$20 million into the Texas treasury, but nothing definitive came out of the meeting.

"We made some progress," Chiles said in a prepared statement. "This matter, including the possible sale of minority ownership and the entire TV contract, will be on the agenda at the winter meetings. No action will be taken until then."

Chiles and Schmittou had hoped to get approval of a one-year sale of the TV rights to Gaylord by separating it from the sale of 30 percent of the club to the Oklahoma City-based broadcasting company.

Gaylord intends to turn Dallas-Fort Worth-based KTVT into another superstation, and that's what concerns Ueberroth.

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The Rangers scheduled a retirement dinner for November 27 for outgoing media relations director Burt Hawkins. Hawkins will call it a career on December 1, after a 47-year love affair with baseball. . . . Oops. Check that note on retiring radio engineer Jim Birdsong having seen more Rangers games than anyone else. Trainer Bill Zeigler has missed just two games since the club moved from Washington to Texas in 1972. Birdsong missed six. . . . The Rangers have arranged their minor league managerial lineup for 1985. They will have Dave Oliver at Triple-A Oklahoma City (American Association), Orlando C. Jerez returning to Double-A Tulsa (Texas), Bill Stearns at Class-A Salem (Carolina), Mike Bucci at Class-A Burlington (Midwest) and Rudy Jaramillo at Sarasota (Rookie).

JIM REEVES

"You don't replace someone like Roger," said Anderson. "It would be a mistake to try to find another Roger Craig, because another one doesn't exist. You never succeed by trying to imitate success anyway. You succeed by finding people who, in their own way, are good at their job."

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The Tigers set no deadline for filling the vacancies left by Craig and Brown, but one of the candidates for Craig's spot, ironically enough, is Norm Sherry, who was fired as pitching coach by the Padres after the World Series. If Craig goes to work for the Padres, whom he once managed, and Sherry for the Tigers, it will amount to a trade of pitching coaches by the two World Series teams.

TOM GAGE

Snell Comes Through in Japan

BALTIMORE—Under normal conditions, a 15-game tour of Japan wouldn't be considered a pressure situation. But Nate Snell was not operating under normal conditions when he accompanied the Baltimore Orioles on their recently concluded trip.



When he made his major league debut in September, Snell was classified as the second-oldest rookie ever to break in with the Orioles. He was brought up from Charlotte (Southern), where he had a 9-4 record and a 2.42 earned-run average, because of a rash of injuries and was considered a longshot to make the team next spring.

But the lanky righthanded reliever was impressive during the last two weeks and earned a spot on the postseason roster. It was a break that almost backfired. While obtaining Snell's passport, the Orioles learned that he was three years older than they thought. Snell, suddenly 32, knew that every inning would be vital.

Manager Joe Altobelli, impressed with what he had seen during the last two weeks of the regular season, wanted to test Snell as much as possible—especially against lefthanded hitters.

"I wanted to find out what he could do against them," said Altobelli. "I wasn't worried about righthanders, based on what I had seen, but I didn't know about lefthanders."

In Japan, Snell was easily the most impressive of the Orioles' pitchers, who were generally ineffective. He finished with a 4-0 record and a 1.08 ERA.

Bill Swaggerty, another Oriole whose future stood to be influenced in Japan, was the only other pitcher to finish with an ERA under 3.00, posting a 2.80 mark.

Although Altobelli was reluctant to draw conclusions from the exhibitions, Snell's performance could influence the team's off-season thinking. If the Orioles are convinced he can fill a long relief role, it might make it easier for them to make a trade.

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On his return, General Manager Hank Peters had a lot of catching up to do. His first order of business was to establish contact with the agents of free agents who interest the Orioles. The Orioles are expected to make a big pitch for designated hitter Andre Thornton, and it wouldn't be surprising if they also sought a pitcher and possibly an infielder.

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Ralph J. Furey, a star athlete at Columbia University in the late 1920s who later returned to the school as athletic director and was one of the primary movers in the organization of the eight-school Ivy League, died November 14 in a Durango, Colo., hospital. He was 81.

An outstanding football and baseball player at Columbia, Furey graduated in 1928, and returned to the school in 1936 as director of freshman athletics and assistant football coach.

He became the first president of the Eastern College Athletic Conference in 1947, four years after becoming athletic director at Columbia. He served in the latter position until his retirement in 1968.

In the 1960s, Furey was a member of the NCAA's television committee.

Ernie McKie, a basketball coach at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash., for three years in the mid-1960s and high school coach at West Linn, Wash., for 16 seasons, died of cancer at his home in West Linn November 10. He was 60.

McKie's EWU teams had a 23-51 record between 1964-67. His high school teams won more than 500 games during his 34-year career. He retired at the end of the 1983 season and underwent surgery for the removal of a stomach tumor.

McKie was the co-inventor of a

collapsible basketball goal rim called the "Slam Dunk Rim" which returns to its original position after a player hangs from it.

Guido L. Rugo, a former part owner of the Boston Braves baseball team, died November 18 at his home in Boston following a brief illness. He was 86.

An Italian immigrant who became a construction contractor in Boston, Rugo was one of three local investors who bought the Braves in 1944. He had been a Braves stockholder since 1941.

Rugo became a vice-president of the team, which won the National League pennant in 1948. He sold his interest in the team in 1951. The franchise later moved to Milwaukee and then Atlanta.

Bivian Lee, a defensive cornerback with the New Orleans Saints from 1971-75, died in a New Orleans hospital November 12 shortly after being admitted after complaining of stomach pains. He was 36.

A product of Prairie View (Tex.) A&M, Lee was a third-round draft choice of the Saints in 1971. An autopsy failed to disclose the cause of his death.

Vernon (Red) McQueen, retired sports editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, died of cancer November 16 in Honolulu. He was 78.

McQueen, an outstanding athlete, joined the Advertiser sports staff in 1928 and became sports editor in 1935. He retired in 1965, but continued to write a column for the paper for another five years.

Mary Joyce Carr, a freshman at Mississippi State University and a member of the Lady Bulldogs basketball team, died November 18 of injuries she suffered in an automobile accident near Ackerman, Miss.

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Galbreaths to Sell Bucs

PITTSBURGH—For more than 10 years, Dan Galbreath said he would not sell the Pittsburgh Pirates. "The day may come when I'll look in that direction, but not now," Galbreath said in the 1970s during one of the labor disputes between the players and club owners.

The time for Galbreath to sell the club has arrived. He made the announcement in Pittsburgh November 20 when he revealed that Warner Communications, which purchased 48 percent of the club two years ago, wants out. Galbreath decided that he and his father, John, who bought the club in 1946 from Barney Dreyfuss for a reported \$2.5 million, should get out of baseball, too, rather than face more financial losses.

The club lost close to \$6 million this year, and according to General Manager Pete Peterson, the Galbreaths' losses since the club moved into Three Rivers Stadium in 1970 might be close to \$20 million.

Speaking with emotion and fighting back tears at a press conference, Galbreath said his family was not in a position to repurchase Warner's stock.

"Because of that situation," Dan Galbreath said, "we have concluded reluctantly . . . that we sell our interest in the Pirates."

Galbreath indicated that he will make every effort to ensure the buyer keeps the club in Pittsburgh. He said the lease at Three Rivers Stadium runs to 2011 and is ironclad.

"I talked to the mayor (Richard Caliguiri) and the lease will be part of the sales agreement," Galbreath said.

The Pirates in 1970 signed a 40-year stadium lease with the city, but three years ago said they could no longer live with the lease. Two years ago, after a series of meetings with a local judge as arbitrator, the city agreed to take over the stadium and the Pirates became tenants.

Warner then bought 48 percent of the club for a reported \$10 million and the Galbreaths kept 51 percent. One percent is shared by a group of individuals.

Within hours after Galbreath made his announcement, two Pittsburgh businessmen indicated they might be interested in buying the club. One was James C. Roddey, chairman of the port authority, and the other was Edward Lewis, president of the Oxford Development Corp. Rumors also cropped up that Edward DeBartolo Sr., who owns the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League, will bid for the Bucs.

DeBartolo's attempt to buy the Chicago White Sox a few years ago was blocked by Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, who said he didn't want absentee ownership in Chicago. DeBartolo lives in Youngstown, O., which is not far from Pittsburgh.

Now Peter Ueberroth, Kuhn's successor, is the man who can block or approve the sale of a club. He offered no early reaction to the possible sale of the Pirates.

What are the Pirates worth? A guess would be \$25 million. But if there is a buyers' market out there, the persons interested are aware that in 1984 the Pirates drew 773,500 fans, the lowest total in the National League.

The Pirates, who scratched for runs most of the season, batted .272 in September, the highest average in the National League. . . . Jason Thompson did not undergo arthroscopic surgery on his knee, as previously reported. Thompson decided to skip the surgery and instead is taking a training course designed to strengthen the knee.

CHARLEY FEENEY

Stoddard Attracts Interest

CHICAGO—Confident he still is capable of clearing the table as a short reliever instead of setting it as a long man, Tim Stoddard may be the first of the Chicago Cubs' free agents to defect.

While fans worry about bringing starters Rick Sutcliffe, Steve Trout and Dennis Eckersley back through the front door of Wrigley Field, Stoddard is thinking of tip-toeing out the back.

"I don't think my short relieving days are over," he said. "I don't mind being the middle man, but if the opportunities are there for short relief, I would prefer that. It's more exciting."

Stoddard was excited to be the fifth most popular player among 56 free agents in the re-entry draft. Nine teams chose him.

"Not bad for a guy who was traded twice in four months, eh?" he said of going from Baltimore to Oakland at the winter meetings, then to the Cubs in March.

Most of the teams selecting Stoddard need short relief. "It felt pretty good to be wanted. We didn't hear from anyone but Toronto before the draft," he said.

The Cubs retained their rights, but Stoddard's agent, Ed Keating, said their first offer "wasn't close."

With Lee Smith off to a staggering start, Stoddard had an excellent first half with a 6-1 record, five saves and a 2.55 ERA. With Smith the main man in the second half, Stoddard didn't work as often, finishing 10-6 with seven saves and 3.82.

"I don't think it really matters where I go, although I've always been with a winner," Stoddard said.

"The most important thing is security. I'm 31 now. I need that security for my family. What's nice is I'm finally getting a

say on where I'm going."

Obeying doctor's orders to lay off drinking until a bleeding ulcer subsides, broadcaster Harry Caray went six weeks without imbibing. "The saloon keepers told me their gross volume went down from lack of my business," said the veteran, who won big at bingo on the team cruise in the Caribbean. . . . The Cubs think they'll be able to satisfy catcher Ron Hassey's demand to be traded at the winter meetings. . . . The club has opened its media hot line to the public: (312) 975-3050.

JOE GODDARD

DeJesus Cited as Trade Bait

PHILADELPHIA—Mapping their strategy for the winter meetings in Houston, the Philadelphia Phillies have begun to rethink their trade strategy.

Since the end of last season, the Phils have made no secret of their willingness to trade catcher Bo Diaz and shortstop Ivan DeJesus for pitching. However, the Phillies are beginning to hedge on their desire to trade Diaz.

"We've talked a lot about it and we've just about decided we'd better not trade Bo unless we get overwhelmed with an offer," said Phillies President Bill Giles.

"Paul Owens (former Phils manager and now assistant to Giles) has convinced me that it might not be a good idea to deal Diaz right now. We have to see about the condition of Darren Daulton's shoulder and also find out about another of our young catchers, Mike Lavalliere.

"At this point, I think we'll try to get a pitcher by another route."

So it is likely the Phillies will push for a deal involving DeJesus when they arrive in Houston on December 1. The two teams the Phils will probably talk to first are the Montreal Expos and Texas Rangers. Both have reportedly expressed interest in DeJesus, who has been deemed expendable because of the development of slick-fielding Steve Jeltz.

The Phillies are also likely to use the winter meetings to shop veteran first baseman Al Oliver. And they would be willing to talk about finding a power-hitting first baseman, although there are growing signs that the Phils will give power-hitting prospect John Russell a shot at the first-base job.

The Phillies announced several minor-league managerial changes. Bill Dancy, who has managed in the organization since 1979, will manage the Phils' Triple-A club in Portland (Pacific Coast). Dancy, who last season managed the Double-A club in Reading (Eastern), replaces Lee Elia. Elia has been added to the Phils' coaching staff. Replacing Dancy in Reading will be former Phils player Tony Taylor, a roving minor-league instructor for the Phillies last season. And Ramon Aviles has been named to manage the Phils' new Class-A franchise in Clearwater (Florida State). Dave Rowan, who served last summer as general manager of the Phils' Peninsula (Carolina) Class-A club, was named G.M. of the Clearwater club.

PETER PASCARELLI

Mets Salute Executives

NEW YORK—Just as he knows it takes fine authors to sell books, Nelson Doubleday is aware that it takes good players to win baseball games.

As the owner of the New York Mets and the head of one of the world's largest book publishing companies, Doubleday is familiar with the development program necessary to any successful baseball club. Doubleday took pains to point out that fact the day Dwight Gooden was named National League Rookie of the Year.

"This is great for Dwight and the Mets," Doubleday said at the cocktail party honoring the young pitcher. "But let's not forget Lou Gorman and Joe McIlvaine, and Steve Schryver. It's because of them that we've come up with players like Dwight and Darryl Strawberry. They deserve a share of this award, too."

Gorman, the former assistant general manager, has moved on to Boston. McIlvaine, the former scouting director, has assumed Gorman's duties. Schryver remains the director of the Mets' minor league operations.

In the last two years, the Mets have had the most successful minor league system in baseball. It has produced the last two National League rookie award winners and promises to deliver more.

When Rusty Staub, John Stearns, Junior Ortiz, Jeff Bittiger and Ron Hodges were pared from the roster recently, it was done to make room for youngsters pushing their way up.

The Mets have several more pitching prospects ready to take their turns behind Gooden, Ron Darling, Sid Fernandez, Bruce Berenyi and Walt Terrell. On trial next spring will be fine young arms like Jeff Bettendorf, Calvin Schiraldi, Floyd Youmans and Randy Myers.

The Mets have long been known for their ability to develop pitchers. Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan, Tug McGraw, Jerry Koosman, Jon Matlack and Jeff Reardon were among these before Gooden burst on the scene this year. Now they are making way for a new crop. It is to the credit of people like Gorman, McIlvaine and Schryver and all the scouts who uncovered these

players that the Mets have been the most successful of the expansion franchises that were born starting in 1961 and 1962. No other expansion club has won two pennants. No other expansion franchise has won a World Series.

The Mets are switching hotels in Philadelphia from University Hilton to the Hershey on Broad Street. . . . Arthur Richman, assistant to General Manager Frank Cashen, flew back from London after a harrowing experience aboard the Queen Elizabeth Two. The ship lost power and was floundering in the North Atlantic with only one engine for three days. As soon as he arrived in England, Richman flew home.

JACK LANG

Rodgers Expects Maximum Effort

MONTREAL—Bob (Buck) Rodgers, the Montreal Expos' new manager, scoffs at suggestions he is too tough.

"I ask my players to show up on time and I ask them to give 100 percent," Rodgers said. "If people think that makes me a tough guy, that's their privilege. I don't see, by any rhyme or reason, how that can be interpreted as being a disciplinarian."

"I'm not a real rah-rah type, but I know this is a boys' game that men play. They have to enjoy it. I'll try to make the game fun."

"(The secret of) managing successfully is to create a relaxed atmosphere. Not so relaxed as to become loose, but relaxed enough to have fun playing baseball. It's a long, long schedule. If it's nothing but work-work-work, it's that much longer."

THE SPORTING NEWS named Rodgers Minor League Manager of the Year for his work at Indianapolis last season. The Expos' Triple-A club won the American Association regular-season title with a 91-63 record.

Rodgers has major league managerial experience. When George Bamberger became ill in the spring of 1980, Rodgers served as interim manager of the Milwaukee Brewers for two months, guiding the club to a 26-21 record. He took control of the team again in September and remained as manager until he was fired 47 games into the 1982 season with the Brewers one game under .500. His Milwaukee teams posted a 124-102 (.549) record.

"I made mistakes the first time and I'll make mistakes again," Rodgers said. "But I'm better prepared now."

Rodgers spent his first few days as manager of the Expos in meetings with General Manager Murray Cook, President John McHale and farm system honchos Jim Fanning and Bob Gebhard.

From these sessions, the men hoped to come up with a coaching staff and a battle plan for the winter meetings in Houston.

At the meetings, the Expos will be looking for middle-infield strength and a starting outfielder. Their strong suit is pitching.

IAN MACDONALD

No-Trade Snag in Sutter Talks

ST. LOUIS—The major stumbling block for the St. Louis Cardinals in signing relief pitcher Bruce Sutter may not be how much money the free agent is offered or how it is allocated, but whether the Cardinals are willing to revise their policy of not issuing no-trade contracts.

"This is a very important issue," said Jim Bronner, one of Sutter's agents. "Probably more important than any money they put on the table."

The problem could be interpreted as a moot one. In slightly more than one season, Sutter could become a 10-5 man (10 years in the majors, including at least five with his last club) and have a right to veto any trade that the Cardinals might make involving him.

If the Cardinals committed millions of dollars to Sutter, it would be unlikely that they would trade him after one season. Bronner said, however, "The Cardinals are not prepared to let him become a 10-5. They want to be able to trade him before he's a 10-5."

It is possible the Cardinals would try to buy out Sutter's 10-5 option, much as they did with outfielder George Hendrick last year. But the main point with Sutter and Bronner is principle.

"If Bruce is willing to make a commitment to play someplace for so many years, then he would want that commitment from them. Otherwise, there's no point in pursuing it," said Bronner.

The first major offer other than an initial one by the Cardinals was made by the Atlanta Braves, who not only offered a blanket no-trade provision, but considerable money.

"It was very substantial," Bronner said of the offer. "The elements of the offer are much closer to being right than anything we've seen. What we're talking about is a fairly sophisticated offer as to how we take the money, and so far the Braves are more interested than the Cardinals."

Sutter and 20-game winner Joaquin Andujar will be honored by St. Louis baseball writers as the St. Louis Baseball Men of the Year at the annual dinner January 29.

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What About Me? Moore Asks

ATLANTA—As they devote their attention to expensive free-agent pitchers, the Atlanta Braves feel a tug at their side. It is Donnie Moore, and he would like some of the money being tossed about so freely.

Moore, who ranked eighth in the National League with 16 saves, has begun contract discussions with the Braves. He and agent Dave Pinter favor a three-year, guaranteed contract worth more than \$1.5 million.



That represents a steep salary escalation for Moore, who had to fight his way onto the pitching staff last spring. Moore, who went from journeyman to the Braves' most effective reliever, earned less than \$200,000 last season on a one-year contract.

"We'd like to see Donnie get what he's worth," said Pinter. "We've had some good discussions, and we're waiting for the Braves' offer."

Without using it as a barefisted threat, Pinter raised the prospect of free agency for Moore. Should the Braves fail to come up with an adequate three-year deal, he said, Moore will take another one-year contract and try the free-agent market next fall. The Braves recognize that possibility and apparently will try to eliminate it.

"It makes sense to explore more than a one-year contract," General Manager John Mullen said. "We're willing to talk about it. Donnie did a good job for us. We feel that with the year he had, we might be making a mistake if we let him become a free agent. We'll definitely talk, but I don't know where this will lead."

As both a precaution and an amplification of the free-agent possibility, Pinter said that a \$1 million insurance policy will be taken out on Moore should he pitch next season with a one-year contract. Moore underwent surgery on his right knee October 2.

There is another variable in this contract equation. The Braves have discussed a trade with Philadelphia that would give them catcher Bo Diaz in return for Moore. The deal apparently awaits a decision by the Phillies.

Armed with a newly developed change-up, Moore, 30, produced the best season of his checkered career in 1984. He collected the 16 saves (four more than his previous career total) in just 19 save opportunities and finished 4-5 with a 2.94 ERA.

Moore had only one save opportunity after August 15. Troubled by his knee, originally injured April 15, he appeared in only three of the final 22 games. The inactivity left him three appearances short of 50 and the \$15,000 bonus that would have gone with that.

He now asks for much more.

Unlike in previous years, Turner said he was "going to keep quiet" during free-agent negotiations. "If you don't say anything, you can't get in trouble," he said. The Braves' thinking slowly took shape, however, and it appeared they would make their biggest pitch for reliever Bruce Sutter. Jim Bronner, one of Sutter's agents, called the Braves' offer "very substantial." . . . Rube Walker, a pitching coach under former manager Joe Torre, will stay in the organization as a minor-league instructor. Torre is apparently ready to join the Chicago White Sox as a radio announcer. . . . Minor-league free agents John Lickert, a catcher previously with the Boston organization, and Glenn Gulliver, an infielder who played with Louisville last season, have accepted contracts with the Braves' Richmond (International) affiliate.

GERRY FRALEY

Critical Year for Esasky

CINCINNATI—The failure of Nick Esasky to live up to expectations rates as one of the Cincinnati Reds' biggest disappointments of the 1984 season.

Just a year ago the 24-year-old Esasky was being hailed as the Reds' first legitimate power hitter since George Foster was swapped to the New York Mets in February, 1982.



It wasn't exactly a case of management indulging in wishful thinking. The statistics the 6-3, 200-pound Esasky had compiled after joining the Reds in midseason of 1983 were encouraging—10 doubles, five triples, 12 homers and a .265 batting average for 302 plate appearances.

It appeared, too, that Esasky had come of age during that final month of the 1983 season when he pounded out 20 hits, four of them homers, in 61 at-bats, a .323 average.

Now, the Reds are having doubts as to whether Esasky, who batted only .193 last season, will realize his full potential.

"Nick has tremendous ability," points out Manager Pete Rose. "He has great power, a strong arm and good speed for a guy his size."

"Nick is a good kid, too," points out Rose. "I just wish he were more aggressive."

There were times last season when Rose would have liked to see Esasky get mad, slam a batting helmet against the dug-out floor. He didn't, and his .193 batting average was accompanied by 103 strikeouts.

Said Rose, "When a .190 average doesn't change a guy, you gotta wonder whether anything will."

Esasky opened the 1984 season at third base. After a hot first

week, he was batting .321, but then it was all downhill. The young slugger's problems at the plate were compounded by his erratic play in the field. Vern Rapp shifted Esasky from third to first shortly before Rapp was replaced by Rose.

Rose hasn't given up on Esasky as a third baseman. But he says that if Esasky wants the regular job, he'll have to earn it.

The Reds have announced that batterymen will begin spring training February 22 at the Tampa minor league complex. Infielders and outfielders will join batterymen for the first full-scale workout February 28. The Reds will open Grapefruit League play March 10 against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Vero Beach. The schedule calls for 27 games, 14 at Tampa's Al Lopez Field.

EARL LAWSON

There'll Be No Wine Before It's Time

HOUSTON—With his performance last season, Mark Bailey seemingly earned the right to be considered the Houston Astros' catcher of the future. How long he can retain the position, however, depends largely on how quickly Robbie Wine progresses.

Wine, the Astros' No. 1 pick in the June 1983 amateur draft, has spent parts of two seasons in Class A. Behind the plate, he has been impressive. At the plate, he has yet to find his stride.

"If he could hit .250 in the major leagues," said General Manager Al Rosen, "he'd be catching for us today."

So far, Wine, 22, hasn't reached that level in Class A. He hit .242 in 53 games with Auburn (New York-Penn) in 1983 and .244 at Daytona Beach (Florida State) last season. He did lead the Florida league in doubles with 33 and was third with 73 runs batted in.

Bailey, also 22, was rushed up from Double A when the Astros had a catching emergency last season. Though he batted only .212, the switch-hitter had nine homers (including a club-high seven in the Astrodome) and periodically showed a strong arm.

The Astros will take a look at Wine during spring training, but he's probably one and possibly two years away from the majors. Until then, Bailey, a sixth-round pick in 1982, will continue to get a chance to prove himself.

Shortstop Dickie Thon still plans to play in the Puerto Rican Winter League. Thon, who missed all but the first week of the 1984 season after being hit in the eye with a pitch, is working out at Rice University in Houston with teammate Jose Cruz, free-agent pitcher Vern Ruhl and several college players. . . . Cruz also plans to play about 45 games in Puerto Rico this winter. In all, about 30 Astros are playing or will play winter ball in five countries. . . . Dan O'Brien Jr., who had been the scouting coordinator, was named director of scouting. Grady Mack was named O'Brien's assistant.

NEIL HOHLFELD

How Much Will L.A. Give Fernando?

LOS ANGELES—The most intriguing of the Los Angeles Dodgers' contract negotiations this winter will center on Fernando Valenzuela. Valenzuela, who turned 24 on November 1, earned \$1.1 million in 1984—and his 17 defeats were the most by a Dodgers pitcher in 13 years.

"This year, things didn't happen as I wanted," he said.

It wasn't Valenzuela's fault as much as the fact that he was a consistent victim of the Dodgers' lack of run production. The Dodgers scored one run or fewer in 13 of Valenzuela's last 29 starts.

"To win, he needed to pitch a shutout," said Manager Tom Lasorda, assessing Valenzuela's frustrating season.

Last winter, the Dodgers tried to sign Valenzuela to a long-term contract. Reportedly, they tendered a five-year, \$5 million offer (he opted for one year).

But that was before they handed Pedro Guerrero a five-year, \$7 million contract, one that will pay him \$1.25 million in 1985. So if the Dodgers still are thinking about a long-term deal, it probably will take closer to \$8 million to sign Valenzuela for five years. He won't be eligible for free agency until after the 1986 season.

A quick glance at Valenzuela's season—a 12-17 record and a 3.03 earned-run average—might indicate that \$1 million, or more, a year is a tad high. But closer inspection reveals that Valenzuela was second in the National League in strikeouts (240, the most by a Dodgers pitcher since 1969); second in the league in innings pitched (261); tied for second in the league in complete games (12), and 10th in the league in ERA.

Valenzuela talked about the 17 losses philosophically.

"The one who is not losing games is the one who is not pitching," he said. "I give my best every time I pitch."

Valenzuela had his best year at the plate in '84 with three homers, three doubles and seven runs batted in. But he was edged by Orel Hersher for the best batting average on the pitching staff, .200 to .190. In four big-league seasons, Valenzuela has five homers, six doubles, a triple and 32 RBIs. . . . The

Dodgers' longest winning streak of the season was six games, which they accomplished from April 22-27 and again from September 11-17. The last time their longest winning streak was six games or less was 1967, when their longest was five games.

GORDON VERRELL

\$2 Million Package for Leonard

SAN FRANCISCO—Outfielder Jeff Leonard, a cornerstone in the San Francisco Giants' rebuilding plans, is about to sign a four-year contract for a total of more than \$2 million.

"The money and length of contract are not an issue," General Manager Tom Haller said Thanksgiving week. "We're in a position of working out some language."



Tom Reich, Leonard's attorney, concurred and said he was hopeful the signing would occur by the end of November. "We've been working on the contract a number of months," he said. "It's going to get done—it's just a matter of details."

While enjoying a .302 season in 1984, the 29-year-old Leonard often fretted over the fact he was unsigned. In September, the slugger hinted he would take the Giants to arbitration and seek free agency in 1985.

Contract talks heated during October discussions between Haller and Reich, with the Giants apparently not taking Leonard's threats idly. The outfielder has been the club's most consistent player the last two years, so signing him was a high priority.

"Signing Jeff is important in the sense that he's an important part of our club," Haller said. "He's had two good years back to back and we realize his ability. He's reached a point in his career where he's become consistent. That's all we ask."

The front office staff was in limbo while Owner Bob Lurie searched for a buyer. Fans also have been placed on hold because no season ticket brochures have been mailed and the 1985 schedule hasn't been released. . . . Eyebrows were raised when the Giants selected Oscar Gamble in the re-entry draft because the Giants are brimming with outfielders. But Haller is thinking more in terms of a lefthanded bat with some pop and insurance at first base behind Jack Clark. . . . Even though he's been named manager at Phoenix (Pacific Coast), Jim Lefebvre will retain his title as the organization's field director of player development.

NICK PETERS

Padres Lock Up Gwynn Through '89

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego Padres, who once let All-Stars Ozzie Smith and Dave Winfield fly the coop, are determined to keep intact the youthful nucleus responsible for their first National League championship.

That much became clear in mid-November when the Padres signed right fielder Tony Gwynn, the 1984 major league batting champion, to a five-year contract worth an estimated \$3.3 million.

The Padres also have an option on Gwynn's services for a sixth season (1990).

The 24-year-old lefthanded hitter had one year remaining on his old contract, which the Padres were happy to amend and extend in view of Gwynn's .351 average in his second full season as a big leaguer. He won the N.L. batting title by 30 points, led the majors in hits (213) and was second in the league in on-base percentage (.410). He also scored 88 runs, knocked in 71 while batting second in the lineup, stole 33 bases in 51 attempts and made only four errors.

Gwynn, who will carry a .329 career average into the 1985 season, said he and agent Lew Muller approached the Padres about a new contract after the World Series.

"We felt like this was an opportunity to get some years of security," Gwynn said.

Gwynn's contract was considered a signal to free agents that the Padres are willing to spend generously in their pursuit of a world championship. One free agent they were pursuing was Ed Whitson, the righthander who won 14 games for them last season.

"We're allowed to sign three of them (re-entry draft free agents, not counting Whitson) and the word is that anything we can get, we should go for," said Manager Dick Williams.

The Padres' re-entry draft priorities appear to be, in order, Rick Sutcliffe, Fred Lynn and Lee Lacy. Their other selections were Steve Trout, Tim Lincecum and Jerry Royster.

The decision by Roger Craig, a resident of the San Diego area, not to return to Detroit as pitching coach of the world champion Tigers seemed to increase the chances that he will succeed ousted Padres pitching coach Norm Sherry. . . . McKeon, back from a recent scouting trip to San Juan, reported that Juan Bonilla is a Puerto Rican Winter League holdout. Bonilla is the Puerto Rican second baseman the Padres released last March after deciding that Alan Wiggins could make the switch from left field to second base. . . . Steve Garvey is marketing a Christmas calendar that features pictures of himself and teammates Gwynn, Kurt Bevacqua, Graig Nettles, Goose Gossage, Terry Kennedy, Alan Wiggins, Garry Templeton, Dave Dravecky and Craig Lefferts.

PHIL COLLIER

A.L. FIELDING

Compiled by Sports Information Center

Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.	PB.
Baltimore	.981	162	4318	1910	123	166	9
Chicago	.981	162	4363	1796	122	160	4
Minnesota	.980	162	4313	1678	120	134	4
Toronto	.980	163	4392	1669	123	166	9
California	.980	162	4374	1803	128	170	4
Detroit	.979	162	4392	1667	127	162	16
Kansas City	.979	162	4332	1860	131	157	3
Seattle	.979	162	4326	1700	128	143	17
Milwaukee	.978	161	4299	1812	136	156	8
Texas	.977	161	4316	1671	138	138	33
New York	.977	162	4396	1750	142	176	8
Boston	.977	162	4326	1737	143	128	10
Cleveland	.977	163	4403	1719	146	163	9
Oakland	.975	162	4290	1508	146	159	4
Triple Play—Minnesota							

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING

*Throws left-handed.

Leader—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
*Mattingly, N.Y.	.996	133	1107	124	5	135
Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Balboni, K.C.	.987	125	1102	79	15	102
*Bergman, Det.	.989	114	657	75	8	113
*Bochte, Oak	.983	144	1048	66	8	69
*Buckner, Bos.	.986	113	974	96	15	75
Carew, Calif.	.981	83	724	59	15	73
*Cooper, Milw.	.991	122	1061	98	10	106
Davis, Sea.	.992	147	1271	94	11	108
Easley, Bos.	.976	29	256	29	7	21
Evans, Det.	.989	65	391	42	5	50
Garbey, Det.	.977	25	120	10	3	18
Grich, Calif.	.959	27	241	16	11	23
*Griffey, N.Y.	.991	124	790	83	8	86
*Hargrove, Cleve.	.991	124	790	83	8	86
Hrbek, Minn.	.990	148	1320	99	14	113
Iorg, K.C.	.995	43	357	22	2	33
*Mattingly, N.Y.	.996	133	1107	124	5	135
Murray, Balt.	.992	159	1538	143	13	152
*O'Brien, Tex.	.992	141	1270	105	11	103
Paciorek, Chi.	.993	67	532	23	4	50
*Sconiers, Calif.	.990	41	355	26	4	27
Simmons, Milw.	.995	37	346	27	2	35
*Squires, K.C.	.1000	77	226	16	0	29
Tabler, Cleve.	.998	67	433	39	1	46
*Upshaw, Tor.	.990	151	1426	103	14	133
Walker, Chi.	.995	101	791	51	4	66
Wathan, K.C.	.1000	33	91	10	0	8

SECOND BASEMEN

Leader—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Barrett, Bos.	.987	136	245	417	9	67
Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Bannister, Tex.	.959	25	40	30	3	4
Barrett, Bos.	.987	136	245	417	9	67
Bernard, Cleve.	.971	136	264	397	20	85
Biancalana, K.C.	.988	29	34	50	1	15
Brookins, Det.	.950	26	28	48	4	14
Cruz, Chi.	.976	141	273	452	18	92
Dauer, Balt.	.980	123	225	325	11	76
Fischlin, Cleve.	.981	55	90	115	4	25
Fletcher, Chi.	.969	28	39	56	3	13
Foli, N.Y.	.1000	21	39	43	0	12

THIRD BASEMEN

Leader—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Bell, Tex.	.958	147	129	323	20	28
Boggs, Bos.	.959	156	141	330	20	30
Brett, K.C.	.949	101	59	201	14	18
Brookins, Det.	.969	68	32	63	3	10
Castillo, Det.	.950	33	12	26	2	1
Coles, Sea.	.918	42	28	62	8	10
Cruz, Balt.	.955	89	23	104	6	10
DeCinces, Calif.	.964	140	107	266	14	22
Foli, N.Y.	.968	10	10	20	1	3
Gaetti, Minn.	.960	154	142	334	20	26
Garbey, Det.	.970	20	7	14	7	1
Grich, Calif.	.970	21	9	23	1	1
Gross, Balt.	.937	117	64	205	18	13
Harrah, N.Y.	.968	74	51	128	6	7
Howell, Milw.	.907	46	21	67	9	7
Iorg, Tor.	.945	112	62	110	10	15
Jacoby, Cleve.	.951	126	86	187	14	17
Johnson, Det.	.944	108	58	143	12	16
*Johnson, Minn.	.957	151	137	268	18	27
Lansford, Oak	.955	137	79	199	13	24
V. Law, Chi.	.925	36	23	51	6	7
Lozada, Milw.	.900	40	22	5	8	6
Milbourne, Sea.	.968	119	65	148	7	13
Mullins, Tor.	.955	67	44	106	7	16
Paglarulo, N.Y.	.958	69	18	113	7	12
Presley, Sea.	.970	105	59	138	6	13
Pryor, K.C.	.911	38	18	23	4	4
Ramos, Sea.	.942	22	17	32	3	2
Rayford, Balt.	.946	36	29	76	6	4
Ready, Milw.	.943	59	38	11	9	13
Romero, Milw.	.923	73	32	135	14	14
Smalley, N.Y.-Chi.	.950	36	27	49	4	7
Tabler, Cleve.						

SHORTSTOPS

Leader—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Schofield, Calif.	.982	140	218	420	12	95
Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Anderson, Tex.	.989	31	35	53	1	13
Baker, Det.	.969	39	46	79	4	18
Biancalana, K.C.	.946	33	28	94	7	13
Brookins, Det.	.958	28	38	76	5	11
Concepcion, K.C.	.972	85	105	280	11	53
Dybzinski, Chi.	.974	76	68	154	6	32
Fernandez, Tor.	.974	73	116	178	8	40
Fletcher, Chi.	.973	134	193	381	16	75

Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Foli, N.Y.	.950	28	37	59	5	17
Franco, Cleve.	.955	159	280	481	36	116
Griffin, Tor.	.962	115	189	269	18	65
Gutierrez, Bos.	.949	150	228	347	31	60
Hill, Oak	.949	66	99	125	12	28
Hoffman, Bos.	.957	56	39	71	5	17
Jimenez, Minn.	.959	107	145	273	18	59
Kunkel, Tex.	.922	48	81	120	17	22
Meacham, N.Y.	.955	96	136	269	19	52
Owen, Sea.	.977	151	245	463	17	86
Phillips, Oak	.941	91	133	235	23	54
Phillips, Balt.	.974	66	51	99	4	17
Ripken, Balt.	.971	162	297	583	26	122
Robertson, N.Y.	.930	49	63	136	15	34
Romero, Milw.	.955	39	60	108	8	15
Schofield, Calif.	.982	140	218	420	12	95
Schofield, Det.	.980	114	180	314	10	71
Trammell, Det.	.951	58	53	63	6	14
Wagner, Oak	.978	71	60	114	4	19
Washington, K.C.	.961	61	81	166	10	40
Wilkinson, Tex.	.944	116	151	285	26	50
Yount, Milw.	.971	120	199	402	18	80

OUTFIELDERS

Leader—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Downing, Calif.	.1000	131	272	5	0	0
Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Almon, Oakland	.1000	48	70	1	0	1
Armas, Boston	.974	126	329	4	9	2
*Barnes, Chicago	.981	147	307	8	6	1
Barfield, Toronto	.952	88	190	9	10	5
Bell, Toronto	.971	147	289	11	9	1
Benitez, Calif.	.971	98	197	5	6	1
Bonelli, Seattle	.994	94	153	8	1	0
*Boston, Chicago	.910	34	59	2	6	1
Bradley, Seattle	.992	117	235	3	2	1
Brouhard, Milw.	.983	52	107	6	2	2
Brown, Minnesota	.993	55	144	4	1	0
Brown, California	.968	44	57	4	2	0
Brunansky, Minn.	.984	153	304	13	5	6
Bumby, Baltimore	.988	99	230	7	3	1
*Butler, Cleveland	.991	156	448	13	4	3
Carter, Cleveland	.956	59	122	9	6	0
Castillo, Cleveland	.933	70	123	2	9	0
Clark, Milwaukee	.981	56	106	0	2	0
Collins, Toronto	.991	108	203	8	2	3
Cowens, Seattle	.987	130	228	8	3	0
Davis, Kansas City	.959	35	69	2	3	1
*Davis, Oakland	.961	127	287	6	12	4
Dayett, New York	.988	62	80	3	1	0
Downing, Calif.	.1000	131	272	5	0	0
*Dwyer, Baltimore	.966	52	83	3	1	0
Evans, Boston	.994	161	311	7	2	2
*Gibson, Detroit	.954	139	245	4	12	2
*Griffey, N.Y.	.974	82	181	6	5	0
Grubb, Detroit	.1000	36	47	0	0	0
Hairston, Chicago	.967	37	57	2	2	0
*Hall, Cleveland	.993	69	143	3	1	0
Hatcher, Minn.	.974	100	249	11	7	1
Heath, Oakland	.986	45	71	1	1	1
*Henderson, Oak	.969	140	341	7	11	1
D. Henderson, Sea.	.988	97	242	11	3	5
S. Henderson, Sea.	.936	53	84	4	6	0
Herndon, Detroit	.986	117	299	7	3	0
*James, Milw.	.989	118	252	7	3	1
*Jones, Detroit	.1000	73	150	4	0	1
L. Jones, Kan. C.	.962	45	51	0	2	0
*Kemp, New York	.972	75	138	2	4	0
Kittle, Chicago	.972	124	226	14	7	2

Player—Club	Pct.	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	DP.
Kuntz, Detroit	.987	67	74	2	1	1
*R. Law, Chicago	.985	130	322	5	5	2
Lemon, Detroit	.995	140	427	6	2	1
Lopes, Oakland	.965	42	78	4	3	2
Lowenstein, Balt.	.971	67	94	5	3	0
*Lynn, California	.982	140	321	12	6	5
Manning, Milw.	.987	114	231	2	3	2
Mata, New York	.942	28	49	0	3	0
Meier, Minnesota	.978	50	87	2	2	0
*Miller, Boston	.974	31	36	1	1	0
Moore, Milwaukee	.984	61	119	2	2	0
*Moreno, N.Y.	.985	108	262	9	4	2
Moseby, Toronto	.990	156	473	8	5	2
Motley, Kan. City	.984	138	301	7	5	2
Murphy, Oakland	.988	153	474	14	6	2
Nichols, Boston	.988	48	79	3	1	0
Nixon, Cleveland	.1000	46	81	3	0	0
*Oglivie, Milw.	.970	125	256	6	8	1
Orta, Kansas City	.980	26	48	0	1	0
Paciorek, Chicago	.971	41	64	2	2	0
Parrish, Texas	.982	81	153	8	3	3
Pickett, California	.983	134	337	11	6	4
Puckett, Minn.	.993	128	438	16	3	4
Rice, Boston	.989	157	336	12	4	3
*Rivers, Texas	.1000	30	49	3	0	2
Roenicke, Balt.	.995	117	197	6	1	0
Sample, Texas	.986	122	285	3	4	2
Shelby, Baltimore	.993	124	261	9	2	1
Sheridan, Kan. C.	.986	134	273	8	4	1
Stegman, Chicago	.985	46	65	1	1	0
Tabler, Cleveland	.973	43	72	1	2	1
Thomas, Seattle	.1000	34	45	2	0	0
Vukovich, Cleve.	.994	130	316	13	2	5
Ward, Texas	.987	148	376	11	5	1
Wilson, Kan. City	.990	128	383	6	4	2
Winfield, N.Y.	.994	140	306	3	2	1
G. Wright, Texas	.983	80	175	3	3	0
Young, Baltimore	.982	115	216	4	4	0

Andujar, Dernier Join Gold Glove Club

By BEN HENKEY
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ST. LOUIS—Did American League managers and coaches make carbon copies of the ballots they filled out to select the 1983 Rawlings Gold Glove winners, save them for a year and submit them in September when THE SPORTING NEWS conducted its annual poll to pick the top defensive performers of 1984?

Nah. They wouldn't do that. Would they?

And they didn't. But when the 1984 ballots had been tabulated at TSN, the result was a carbon copy of the 1983 A.L. team: For the first time in the 28-year history of the All-Star Fielding Team awards, the same nine players had been selected to succeed themselves.

National League managers and coaches tried hard, but couldn't match the closed-club vote by their A.L. counterparts. There were two first-time winners in the senior circuit.

Even there, an explanation seemed necessary, particularly in the case of St. Louis Cardinals righthander Joaquin Andujar, who won his first Gold Glove by a one-vote margin over Ron Darling of the New York Mets, Rick Sutcliffe of the Chicago Cubs and Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Andujar, the National League's only 20-game winner in 1984, displaced Phil Niekro, who had won his fifth fielding award in six seasons last fall shortly after his release by the Atlanta Braves and prior to his signing with the New York Yankees.

In fairness to Andujar, however, Niekro probably would not have won another Gold Glove this past season if he had remained a National Leaguer. He finished tied for fourth place among A.L. pitchers, well behind winner and teammate Ron Guidry.

But who would have figured that Andre Dawson of the Montreal Expos would retain his spot in the N.L. outfield? He did, in the eyes of the voters, despite being handicapped defensively all season by bad knees.

The other new face in the N.L. lineup is Cubs outfielder Bob Dernier. He replaced surprise 1983 winner Willie McGee of the Cardinals, and it was no surprise, since Dernier has played well in the field in a variety of positions since minor league days. McGee slipped to a tie for sixth place among outfielders this time around.

The 1984 Gold Glove winners, as selected by 71 managers and coaches in the A.L. and 53 in the N.L.:

American League	Pos.	National League
Eddie Murray, Orioles	1B	Keith Hernandez, Mets
Lou Whitaker, Tigers	2B	Ryne Sandberg, Cubs
Buddy Bell, Rangers	3B	Mike Schmidt, Phillies
Alan Trammell, Tigers	SS	Ozzie Smith, Cardinals
Dwight Evans, Red Sox	OF	Dale Murphy, Braves
Dave Winfield, Yankees	OF	Bob Dernier, Cubs
Dwayne Murphy, A's	OF	Andre Dawson, Expos
Lance Parrish, Tigers	C	Tony Pena, Pirates
Ron Guidry, Yankees	P	Joaquin Andujar, Cards

The A.L. choices were not a faint carbon of 1983; the only close race was for the third outfield spot, where the A's Murphy eased out Chet Lemon of the Tigers, 33-29. Lemon has never won a Gold Glove, but finishes strong every year.

Bell, winning at third base in the A.L. for the sixth straight year, and Hernandez, a seven-time Gold Glove first baseman in the N.L., were the only unanimous choices this season. Philly's Schmidt remains the dean of the fielding award winners, however; he must find room for a ninth Gold Glove in his trophy case this winter. Others with space problems are Evans (seven awards), and Winfield, Dwayne Murphy and Smith, five apiece.

Bell received 66 votes to runner-up George Brett's three. Hernandez had a 51-2 margin over the Cubs' Leon Durham in the other landslide positional outcome. Managers and coaches could not vote for their own players.

Detroit's Whitaker, who unseated Kansas City's Roy White by a two-vote margin to win his first Gold Glove in 1983, had a comfortable 39-21 margin at second base this time, a trend reflected in the vote totals at most positions in both leagues.

Murray topped Don Mattingly of the Yankees, 40-20, at first base; Trammell had a 46-15 edge over Baltimore's Cal Ripken at shortstop; Parrish outpolled Rick Dempsey, 38-15, behind the plate, and Guidry was the winner over Toronto's Dave Stieb on the mound, 23-14, in the A.L.

Sandberg and Smith were runaway winners at second base and shortstop in the N.L. Schmidt had a 27-12 edge over A.L. transplant Graig Nettles of San Diego at third, Pena topped three-time Gold Glover Gary Carter of Montreal behind the plate and Dawson managed to hold on to his spot in the outfield by a three-vote margin over the Padres' Kevin McReynolds.

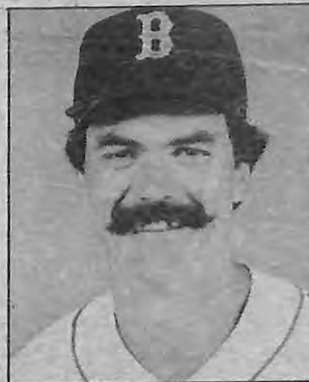
The selection of the N.L.'s top-fielding pitcher always is a hassle, it seems. Eight votes were enough to get the Cards' Andujar elected, but one more tally for Darling, Sutcliffe and/or Valenzuela would have created a logjam—and a quandary.

The voting, as usual, was coordinated by TSN's baseball correspondents.

And they didn't make carbons.



Buddy Bell



Dwight Evans



Bob Dernier



Joaquin Andujar

Congratulations to the 1984 Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winners

Keith Hernandez
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TSN's Minor League Award Winners

Manager of the Year

By KIM ROGERS

INDIANAPOLIS—Interest rates are precariously high for those chosen few who are willing to mortgage their professional baseball careers on managing. The won-lost indicators are known to lie. And if the truth be known, the bottom is likely to drop out when you least expect it.

Nobody understands this better than Bob (Buck) Rodgers, THE SPORTING NEWS' 1984 Minor League Manager of the Year, who guided the Indianapolis Indians to the American Association pennant in his first year at the helm.

Indianapolis finished 91-63, a whopping 11 games ahead of the second-place Iowa Cubs.

Rodgers presently is managing Caracas in the Venezuelan Winter League, tuning up for his second shot at a major league job next spring with the Montreal Expos, who named him manager in mid-November.

The veteran of 28 professional baseball seasons first managed in the big leagues when he took the Milwaukee Brewers into the East Division finals of the American League playoffs in the strike-shortened 1981 season. The Brewers fired Rodgers on June 2, 1982, replacing him with Harvey Kuenn, who took Milwaukee to the World Series.

Deeply hurt by the circumstances of his firing ("We had a couple of players go up the back stairs to the owner and bend his ear," he said), Rodgers wasn't sure if he wanted to manage again, ever, at any level.

But he mellowed during a 1½-year absence from the game. "Anything I would say about it now would sound like sour grapes, and I don't want it to sound that way," he said upon being hired by the Expos to run their top farm club last spring.

Considering how well liked Rodgers was by his Indianapolis players, it was hard to envision someone going behind his back. He was candid and up-front with everybody, what might be described as a players' manager. He did not have to demand respect. He commanded it.

By the final month of the season, more than half of the players who had posed for the 1984 team picture no longer were with the club. And they included the league's top starting pitcher, lefthander Joe Hesketh (12-3, 3.05 earned-run average) and top reliever, Dick Grapenthin (6-7, 3.07, 18 saves), both of whom were called up by the Expos.

Because of injuries and roster moves, Rodgers had to do with an entirely different infield than the one that started the season. Second baseman Mike Gates and third baseman Brad Mills were traded during the season, shortstop Rene Gonzalez was up and down twice with the parent club and first baseman Razor Shines was sidelined with injuries a couple of times.

"Even with all the changes, it just seemed like that after a day or two or three everybody came together," said relief pitcher Dave Schuler, who pitched briefly with the California Angels in 1979-80. "And that says a lot for the manager."

Rodgers preferred to take a back seat to his players when it came time to hand out the kudos. He was a positive person, always looking for the silver lining, and this sat well with his players, most of whom would have gone to war for him.

It didn't come to that. But midway through the season, at a time when the club had been hit hard by roster changes and injuries, Indianapolis lost nine of 11 games. The manager stayed calm and cool through it all, and when the players responded by winning eight straight to end the slump, Rodgers said, "They battled their way out of it. Everybody understood why we were going through the bad streak. Even guys I didn't plan to use volunteered to pitch if we needed them."

"He's a man who's on an even keel at all times," said Max Schumacher, longtime president and general manager of the Indians. "You can't tell any difference when you talk to him whether he's won six in a row or lost six in a row. This is the mark of a true professional."

Now, the Expos will see if that professionalism will bear fruit in Montreal.



Bob Rodgers

lected THE SPORTING NEWS 1984 Minor League Player of the Year. He will be honored at the National Association dinner during baseball's winter meetings in Houston.

In addition, Knically will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award as the Topps Minor League Player of the Year.

Knically was a shoo-in for MVP honors in the American Association. He batted .333 (second to Oklahoma City's Tommy Dunbar), hit 33 home runs (second to Iowa's Joe Hicks) and led the league in runs batted in with 126.

Those kind of statistics weren't unusual for Knically, who had produced big numbers in four previous seasons in Triple A. The 6-4, 195-pounder from Harrisonburg, Va., signed with the Houston Astros in 1974 as a pitcher, but was converted to the outfield after four seasons and then to catching because of his offensive potential.

In 1979 with Columbus (South-east), Knically hit a league-leading 33 homers and batted .289 in his first year as a full-time catcher. The next two years, with Tucson (Pacific Coast), he hit .318 and .306, and totaled 40 home runs and 201 RBIs.

That kind of performance earned him all of four games with Houston in the 1980 and '81 seasons.

Knically stuck with the Astros in '82 as a backup catcher, appearing in 59 games and batting only .188. He was traded to Cincinnati in March 1983, and batted .224 in 59 games with the Reds that year.

He felt deceived by the Reds last season when they sent him to Wichita in spring training. He didn't pout with the Aeros, although he was anxious to get out of the organization.

"We had an agreement," Knically said. "If I didn't make the major league club, they'd sell or trade me. They went back on their word."

Knically's attitude toward the Reds abruptly changed when Pete Rose became manager late in the '84 season. And, apparently, the Reds have changed their thinking about Knically. At least, he should rate a second look after his MVP and player of the year honors with the Aeros.



Alan Knically

Class AAA Exec of the Year

By STEVE KRASNER

PAWTUCKET, R.I.—Way back in 1974, when Mike Tamburro was 22 years old, he was a jack-of-all trades for the Pawtucket Red Sox.

"I was an intern," recalled Tamburro. "I worked the concessions stands, I swept the floors. Whatever they asked me to do, I did. I did whatever I could do learn about the business."

He learned well.

Ten years later, Mike Tamburro, now general manager of the Pawtucket Red Sox, has been named THE SPORTING NEWS Triple-A Executive of the Year, an award given in accord with baseball's National Association.

It was quite a year for the International League's PawSox, the top farm club of the Boston Red Sox. It was a season that could be made into a movie titled "And the Last Shall Be First."

One year ago, the PawSox finished last in the International League with a miserable 56-83 record, the worst of all 26 Triple-A teams.

In 1984, however, Pawtucket was in first place for much of the regular season, before a slump tumbled the team to fourth, with a 75-65 record.

But the PawSox got back on the winning track in the playoffs, ousting regular-season champion Columbus, three games to one, in the opening round of the playoffs. And then, after losing the first two games of the final series at home to the Maine Guides, the PawSox swept three straight and claimed their first Governor's Cup championship since 1973.

The season also was successful at the gate, as the PawSox once again were loyally supported. Pawtucket drew 198,786 fans to 5,810-seat McCoy Stadium.

Despite the fairy-tale season, Tamburro was stunned when learning of his selection by THE SPORTING NEWS.

"My first thought is that it isn't really a personal award," said Tamburro. "This award has to be cut up in three pieces, with part of it going to Ben Mondor, the best owner a team could have, and an assistant general manager (Lou Schwechheimer), who has worked so hard."

"What this award means to me is that it's a statement that the Pawtucket Red Sox finally have been accepted by the baseball community."

That acceptance came slowly, and with reason. In 1977, when Mondor, a retired mill owner, purchased the franchise, it was on the verge of debt-riddled extinction. With the help of



Mike Tamburro

Haywood Sullivan, the Boston Red Sox farm director in those days, and now president of the big league club, Mondor got in touch with Tamburro.

Tamburro had been general manager at Elmira (New York-Penn.) for two years, winning G.M.-of-the-year honors in 1975. And Mondor was impressed when the two met for the first time.

"I knew the business world, and he knew baseball," said Mondor. "And I'll tell you, I knew he would work hard. I'm a bull about work, I love it. And I could see that Mike was a natural-born worker. My kind of guy."

The Mondor-Tamburro team had a lot of credibility problems to confront that first year, but the duo never wavered from its initial philosophy.

"We wanted to provide first-class entertainment for the fans without gimmicks like jalopy nights," said Tamburro. "We wanted to take the circus tent down and promote baseball. We wanted to have a no-frills operation, but an operation that would provide quality baseball entertainment at the lowest possible price."

"We wanted to establish a family environment, where a gentleman could drop off his wife and two kids, and drive away, with the gentleman knowing his family would be safe, and the wife knowing she was safe. And we wanted to promote development, not winning. We're proud to be able to develop players for the Boston Red Sox."

It took time. The PawSox won the regular-season title that first year in 1977, but only 70,354 people showed up. A crowd of just over 300 was at McCoy Stadium the night the pennant was clinched, and often during the season in their cramped office the copying machine would catch fire, leaving Tamburro hoping for a rainy day so the drops would fall through the holes in the roof and extinguish the flames.

But things kept getting better. The attendance increased to 112,267 in '78. And a better indication of how Tamburro, Mondor and Schwechheimer (who joined the team in 1979) tirelessly sold the team to the community came in the next five years, when Pawtucket finished out of the playoffs, but still drew 147,393, 163,283, 191,862, 199,518 and 182,032.

And this year, the attendance remained solid, thanks greatly to the honest efforts and hard work turned in by Tamburro.

"This award means the club is close to the way we dreamed it could be," said Tamburro. "The dream isn't over. There still are a lot of things we can improve."

"And in Mike Tamburro, said Mondor, "We have the best general manager in the business."

Class AA Exec of the Year

By ERNIE KASTNER

GREENVILLE, S.C.—When Bruce Baldwin arrived in Greenville in October of 1983, he was faced with the rather sizable task of getting this city, obsessed with the football of Clemson, South Carolina and several smaller schools, interested in baseball. Specifically, Southern League baseball and the Greenville Braves.

Greenville hadn't had a professional baseball team since 1972, and that one had played in the burned-out hulk of a ball park. The decision by Atlanta to move its Double-A operation here from Savannah, Ga., was a bad one, said some, because the crowds in Greenville would desert the club when the novelty wore off. Others said baseball never would be considered royalty in a land where college football was king.

But the Braves had two things working for them: Bruce Baldwin and the fact that they are the Southeast's first and only major league team.

"The biggest plus I have in this business," said Baldwin, whose work in 1984 earned him THE SPORTING NEWS Double-A Executive of the Year award, "is that when I come into town, I've got almost instant credibility, instant recognition. If I came in and set up Bruce's TV Repair, it would probably take me a couple of years to get the word out that I'm a competent TV repairman. But coming into Greenville, a town with a pretty good sports background, even if it isn't baseball, people know who I am and who I work for."

Still, Baldwin knew he needed more than a reputation. "I tried to impress on everybody that we were first-class, high-quality family-oriented entertainment." To help do that, he hit the banquet trail last fall, making 99 speeches in and around Greenville as of the second week in November.

"We wanted to let people know that the Greenville Braves would be a viable part of the community. We'd be an alternative to going to the mountains or the beach, and we'd be inexpensive," Baldwin said.

Overcoming some negatives—the \$3-million Greenville Municipal Stadium, located too far from downtown and too close to a sanitation plant for some, was completed only six days prior to the Braves' season opener—Baldwin's operation sold 2,200 season tickets and the Braves were off and running to a



Bruce Baldwin

Player of the Year

By CASEY SCOTT

WICHITA—The season had just ended in frustration for the Wichita Aeros of the American Association, but Alan Knically was a satisfied man.

The 29-year-old slugging first baseman-catcher was convinced he had finally proven to the baseball world that he could play in the major leagues.

In Knically's mind, the fact he was named the American Association's most valuable player only enhanced his stature with the parent Cincinnati Reds, who placed him on their 40-man winter roster.

"I'm sure it does," he said. "Definitely."

Now, Knically has added another honor, having been se-

D-i-n-o-s-a-u-r Spells Winter Meetings

By DAVE NIGHTINGALE
National Correspondent

HOUSTON—Professional baseball's annual winter meetings open either a four- or five-day run here December 3. The 1985 conclave already is scheduled for San Diego, starting December 2. But after that, who knows?

Can you spell d-i-n-o-s-a-u-r?

"I think it's quite likely our winter meetings are about to become extinct," declared one high-ranking baseball official. "Quite frankly, it no longer serves most of its main purposes."

In order of importance, those purposes are:

- To wrest away (from professional football) the major headlines on the nation's sports pages for one whole week—via a multitude of glamorous player trades, many of them of the interleague variety.

- To bring together all of the sport's movers and shakers, under one roof, to make a series of instant and compelling business decisions.

- To serve as something of an annual reward for hundreds of the sport's behind-the-scenes workers, especially at the minor league level; to give them a chance to "whoop it up at convention time," just like so many Jaycees or tractor salesmen.

"The publicity factor is negligible anymore," said the high-ranking official, "because the notion that there will be a flock of trades involving top-quality talent has become an obvious myth."

It's a myth because nearly all top-quality players have long-term, guaranteed contracts that usually include "no-trade" clauses. And, often, it takes more than a week to sort through those clauses to gain the approval of both the player and his agent in order to make any kind of an earthshaking deal.

"In the past, those barriers could be overcome, perhaps, within the time frame of convention week," the baseball official noted. "But now, under existing rules, there is no need to try to overcome them because there is no 'urgency' factor."

That's because baseball now has a second interleague trading period (the month of March) prior to the start of the next season. So, if you're seeking the services of a player in the other league, you no longer have to accomplish it by 5 p.m. on the final day of the December convention, which is the end of the current interleague swap session.

"The second interleague period is valuable because, often, you don't really know your exact needs in December," said Chicago White Sox General Manager Roland Hemond. "Not very many players from the November re-entry draft have signed with their new teams by then."

Once, in a feeble effort to improve the public relations viability of the winter meetings, former Commissioner Bowie Kuhn tried to order all teams to withhold announcement of any post-World Series deals until the first week of December. The order fell on deaf ears—mainly because leaks could not be plugged when deals of magnitude were involved.

To be sure, some player trades will be made at Convention '84—but most of them probably will be of what ex-owner Bill Veeck used to call "cat and dog" deals (As in: "My cat for your dog").

If not quality, what about quantity? Just how much flesh-peddling is likely to take place here? Well, there's this immutable basic formula:

The number of transactions at a given winter meeting are in inverse proportion to the glamour of the meeting site.

In other words, 34 players changed teams as the result of 16

deals at the 1983 meetings, which were held in beautifully frigid Nashville, Tenn.

But a year earlier, in sun-kissed Honolulu, there were only eight deals involving 22 players.

Get the picture?

As for any compelling business decisions to be made by the moguls this year...

"At the major league level, the winter meetings, really, don't involve much more than 26 owners listening to a bunch of committee reports," said the high baseball official.

In years past, the league sessions and the joint session always were scheduled for Thursday of convention week—and Friday, if necessary. But nine owners out of 10 would come to the convention with Thursday night return airline tickets in their pockets.

This year, the ivory tower get-together might not even last that long.

Thanks to the "unit" voting rule (a byproduct of last year's restructuring), league meetings are relatively unimportant. And with joint sessions slated to begin here Wednesday, December 5, many of the owners could be going home as early as the next morning.

Why the annual brevity?

"Because many, many groups within the sport don't wait for the convention in order to get together," the official noted. "Before the opening gavel falls here, the marketing and broadcasting groups will have met; also the general managers. And there have been regional meetings of ownership, too."

"All of these side meetings are necessary, of course, but my point is that they all serve to undercut the importance of the actual winter meeting. Which is why I think the winter meeting is about to become history."

For now, though, the interment process is a bit premature. So while the Old Conclave still is alive and kicking, albeit feebly, what will be the hot items on the 1984 docket?

- The Commissioner. "Perhaps the single most important item at the meeting will be Peter Ueberroth's 'state of the state' address at the opening session," said one American League owner.

"This, of course, will be his first time at the meetings as commissioner and the remarks he makes will set the tone for his entire five-year administration. I think his remarks will be considered with the utmost interest—and will be subject to a good deal of analysis."

- The Labor Issue. The current Basic Agreement with the Major League Players Association expires on December 31 and the owners will hear a report on expectations, and impending tactics, from their Player Relations Committee negotiators. They are Lee MacPhail, executive director of the PRC, and club owners Edward Bennett Williams (Baltimore), John McMullen (Houston), Peter O'Malley (Los Angeles) and Bud Selig (Milwaukee). McMullen, a noted hard-liner, heads the five-man group, which will have met with union negotiators twice prior to Houston.

The owners will be told here that, really, there is one issue and one issue alone in the forthcoming negotiations with the union: money.

The new major league television contract, which started in 1984, raised the average club's annual take from national TV by approximately \$5 million. And the players, not surprisingly, want a piece of that pie. A large piece.

- The Designated Hitter. The "desi" rule is not an official agenda item. Still, it is likely to take its first baby steps down

Expansion Issue Won't Be Key Item

HOUSTON—They're holding their breath this week in Tampa and Denver, in St. Petersburg and Vancouver, in Indianapolis and Phoenix and New Orleans.

But if they're still holding their breath by the end of baseball's 1984 winter meetings, there will be an awful lot of blue faces.

"Anybody who thinks the issue of major league expansion will be a key item this December is deluding himself," admitted baseball entrepreneur Tal Smith, the front man for George, John and Deno Dikeou—the three brothers who would bring major league baseball to Colorado.

"First, I think the new commissioner (Peter V. Ueberroth) will want to get settled in the job before tackling the expansion issue," Smith said. "And, second, baseball won't want to consider adding new teams as long as the labor issue (the negotiations for a new Basic Agreement with the Major League Players Association) is unsettled."

One major league executive agreed. "It's axiomatic," he said, "that if the labor contract is up, there will be no talk of expansion until it (the contract) is signed. That's silly, but that's the rationale we always seem to apply."

DAVE NIGHTINGALE

the road toward extinction, Commissioner Ueberroth's recent pronouncement (that a poll of the fans would decide the rule's fate) notwithstanding.

The National League always has found the designated hitter abhorrent, but now there is increasing sentiment in the American League to reject its own creation.

That sentiment may well be based on the high cost for the care and feeding of an obviously one-dimensional player. In fact, the fate of the DH probably will be tied to how well the owners think they fared, financially, at the time the next Basic Agreement is reached.

Any elimination of the designated hitter, of course, would require union blessing. Indeed, the DH may become a side issue or a "tradeoff" in the Basic Agreement negotiations.

Also, current DHs would have to be subject to a grandfather clause to protect owners who already have issued long-term contracts to Registered Bats. "If a decision eventually is made to terminate the designated hitter," said one owner, "the change probably wouldn't be enacted before 1989 or 1990."

- Lights at Chicago's Wrigley Field. This isn't on the official agenda, either. It falls under the heading: "The commissioner has some thoughts that he'd like to inject."

Ueberroth reportedly would prefer lights on Chicago's North Side—to preserve the revenues from national TV contracts, should the oft-dormant Cubs again decide to qualify for post-season competition. And, privately, Cubs management (the Tribune Company) isn't all that averse to the idea, either.

Pressure from the neighborhood surrounding Wrigley Field, however, has resulted in both a city ordinance and state law that would mitigate against any such installation. But a legal consensus seems to be that both the ordinance and the law are patently unconstitutional.

Award Winners

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regular-season attendance of more than 215,000.

"I've been down the street a few times," admitted the Double-A exec of the year. "But, as corny as it might sound, I think everything I've done has led me to Greenville."

Included in "everything" was amateur baseball in the Army, three years as a minor league umpire, sports administration jobs with two clubs in the North American Soccer League, a general managership at Eugene (Northwest) for five seasons and similar positions with Braves clubs at Pulaski (Appalachian) and Savannah (Southern), plus stints as a television sports director, sports information director at Oregon Tech, tennis coach (even though he never played the game), composer of music and standup comedian.

"I like to think that all the things I've done in the past and all the things I've learned from some very good and very successful people have helped me here," Baldwin said.

"I try to be the best. I have to be the best and I try to put that same attitude in my employees. Everything we do, I tell my people, has to be better than anybody else. Everything has to be first class."

Class A Exec of the Year

By JIM FRANZ

BELOIT, Wis.—Four years ago, Dave Tarrolly was selling concrete in his hometown, where a minor league baseball franchise was merely the dream of several ambitious sports enthusiasts in this city of 35,000.

Today, as general manager of the Beloit Brewers, Tarrolly is THE SPORTING NEWS Class-A Executive of the Year.

The Brewers lured 92,474 fans to Telfer Park to watch a young exciting team win the Midwest League's Central Division title in 1984. Parent Milwaukee was so pleased with the operation that a working agreement with Beloit was extended through the 1987 season.

Tarrolly isn't surprised.

"I knew baseball would be popular here because I know Beloit," he said. "I've lived here all my life and this is a terrific sports town. I knew we'd get cooperation from local industry and the community in general."

It was three local businessmen, George Spelius, Joe Moen and Everett Haskell, who first thought of bringing pro baseball to Beloit. They formed a nonprofit corporation and sold their idea to the city council. Money was allocated for major improvements at Telfer Park and the Beloit Professional Baseball Association was awarded a Midwest League franchise.

It needed a general manager, and Spelius, Moen and Haskell immediately thought of Tarrolly, an active fund raiser for a local youth baseball organization. Offered the job, Tarrolly, 41 and the father of three, quit as sales manager for a concrete firm and made baseball his business.



Dave Tarrolly

"I didn't really know what I was getting into, but I wanted the opportunity," Tarrolly said. "The first week on the job I attended a seminar for general managers in El Paso, and I learned a great deal. It's exciting because you're involved in so many things. From mowing the grass to selling tickets to baby-sitting—a Class-A G.M. does it all. I've gone from greenhorn to where I think I understand just what I need to do for this club to be successful."

Tarrolly's fellow G.M.s in the Midwest League agreed. They selected him as the league's executive of the year in 1984.

His awards really should go to the community, Tarrolly says. The Brewers are unique in that only Tarrolly, his secretary, the groundskeeper and the concessions manager are paid by the club.

"We have about a dozen teams of 15 to 20 volunteers who rotate game to game and sell concessions and tickets," Tarrolly explained. "Each team ends up working about six games a season and all each volunteer receives is a season ticket and an invitation to an end-of-the-year picnic."

Beloit fans readily identify with the Milwaukee Brewers, and that hasn't hurt attendance. A wide variety of promotions also has helped. "After June 1," said Tarrolly, "we have a promotion every time we play. Our 10 biggest promotions are responsible for 40 percent of our attendance."

The Brewers also return any profits directly to the city of Beloit. Despite several major expenditures in their first two seasons (1982-83), the club paid the city a total of \$10,000.

"We don't have a final figure for this summer (1984) yet, but we're in the black again," said Tarrolly. "The future couldn't be brighter here."

A Have-Nots' Shopping List at Houston

PHILADELPHIA
—There ought to be a law that free agents selected by more than four teams in the re-entry draft must sign by December 1. That way, general managers couldn't go to the winter meetings and moan, "We can't make any major deals until the key free agents sign." Well, key free agents like Rick Sutcliffe, Bruce Sutter, Steve Trout and Fred Lynn don't figure to sign their contracts anytime soon because the agents have turned the process into a protracted mating game. Consequently, the winter meetings in Houston figure to be a lot like baseball in the Astrodome—boring.

N.L. BEAT

By
BILL CONLIN



Just as the World Series and general managers' meetings used to set the stage for the wheeling and dealing of the winter meetings, the protracted free-agent process has turned baseball's annual convention into a overdressed preliminary for the earnest dealing that takes place between March 1 and June 15. Nevertheless, here's a look at what the have-nots will be trying to wheedle from the haves in Houston:

Giants—Tom Haller's club had the worst record in the majors on merit. But it's the first time in recent memory that Jack Clark is not officially on the block. Chili Davis is the most sought after Giant these days. Haller needs a catcher who can catch better than offensive star Bob Brenly and a third baseman, period. Somebody has to convince Haller that pitching is not his club's strength anymore, or he's not going to do much dealing. Relievers Gary Lavelle and Greg Minton still have market value.

Pirates—There isn't much a club can do that is worse than finishing sixth and losing \$7 million in the process. So it is baffling that G.M. Pete Peterson continues to strike such a hard bargain. His failure to deal an established starter for needed offense doomed the Bucs last year. The league's feeblest offense will be further weakened by the loss of free agent Lee Lacy. Peterson can get a lot for Larry McWilliams and Rick Rhoden. John Candelaria and Don Robinson also have substantial value. The Bucs need to land a young bopper like Brad Komminsk, Glenn Wilson or Andy Van Slyke.

Expos—New G.M. Murray Cook recently learned he needs a center fielder to replace gifted but rag-armed Tim Lincecum. Who says so? Andre Dawson, that's who. Dawson says his knees won't permit a return to the position where he was an All-Star. So, the Expos will also need a center fielder to go with the shortstop and second baseman they always seem to need. Cook has some interest in out-of-favor shortstop Ivan DeJesus of the Phillies, who would be better than anybody the Expos have had at short since the early days of Chris Speier. Dawson's recommendation for center is Chili Davis. Cook could probably make that deal if he offered Haller, uh, Andre Dawson.

Reds—Everybody likes Pete Rose's fine young outfield talent and little else, so the Reds face another year of character building around franchise righthander Mario Soto. Most urgent need is for a catcher who can offer more offense than Dann Bilardello and/or Brad Gulden. If Bob Howsam winds up signing John Stearns, it will be as a pinch-hitter; the free agent catcher blew his elbow out in winter ball.

Braves—Rookie Manager Eddie Haas must proceed on the assumption that ill-starred third baseman Bob Horner may never be a major factor again. And without Horner last season, the Braves were impotent mice roaring in the league's best home-run park. The Braves need catching help and at least one more starting pitcher. But their biggest need is for a socker to take some pressure off Dale Murphy, who admits he felt some last year.

Phillies—The baseball world knows that Bill Giles wants to unload DeJesus and Al Oliver, everybody's player to eventually unload. But it is no surprise that the baseball world is not beating a path to the Phils' door. Giles said recently that backup catcher Bo Diaz is no longer being shopped, but that could be a smokescreen. The Phils say they don't need anything more than a relief hammer to replace Willie Hernandez. They'll continue to pursue the likes of Dave Stewart, Bob James and Lavelle.

Dodgers—With the minor league disappointments piling up like cordwood, it's a year of momentous decisions for G.M. Al Campanis. Does he dip into that excellent pitching staff to deal for needed offense? Or does he gamble that Greg Brock,

Franklin Stubbs, Mike Marshall, Dave Anderson, Sid Bream and German Rivera will show a lot more than they have so far. Campanis will go to Houston seeking bench strength, which was sadly lacking, and he drafted utility types like Lee Lacy, John Grubb, Miguel Dilone and Jim Wohlford in the re-entry auction.

Cardinals—They came on strong, but too late, in 1984. However, Whitey Herzog will be back on square one if he loses Sutter. It appeared at least even money the Cards would re-sign their record-smashing meal ticket, but negotiations have not gone smoothly and there are clubs out there who will pay \$2 million a year for Sutter's services. The Cards appear committed to dealing from their outfield surplus, possibly Lonnie Smith or the disappointing Van Slyke.

Astros—For the first time in a long time, Arms Unlimited doesn't have a surplus of starters, but departed free agents Vern Ruhle and Mike LaCoss are hardly irreplaceable. Now that the Dome fences have been shortened, it is time for G.M. Al Rosen to roll the dice and deal for a long-baller. Instead, the Astros will probably sign Jose Cruz's buddy, free agent Sixto Lezcano, who hit 14 homers as a part-time outfielder for the Phillies.

Mets—For the first time in a long time, Frank Cashen is in the driver's seat. He's got fellow general managers standing in line trying to deal for the organization's marvelous young pitching talent. The Mets' one major lack—it could be a fatal one—is a premier catcher to handle that sizzling young staff. But premier catchers just aren't available and Cashen won't mortgage the franchise to get one.

Cubs—Now he belongs to the agents. Dallas Green will be the most nervous man at the winter meetings—and the busiest. He's got to come up with the dollars to keep Sutcliffe, Trout and Dennis Eckersley in the fold. At stake? The potential difference between first place and sixth place in the N.L. East. The Cubs rose from ashes and to ashes they easily could return.

Padres—The Tigers gave several reasons why the Padres will seek another starting pitcher at the meetings: you don't win the World Series with Eric Show, Mark Thurmond and Tim Lollar as your starters.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

By STAN ISLE, Senior Editor

New Game-of-the-Week Package

The CBS Radio Network has informed affiliates that its new five-year contract with Major League Baseball, a pact worth from \$31 to \$32 million, according to estimates, contains a game-of-the-week package, Broadcasting magazine reported in its November 19 issue. This will mark the first time in nearly 30 years that network radio will carry professional baseball during the regular season. Dick Brescia, CBS senior vice-president, told Broadcasting that the network decided to wait until the "height of interest" in the baseball season before unveiling the game-of-the-week provision to member stations. Besides the airing of the All-Star Game, League Championship Series and the World Series through 1989, the plan calls for two games (one day and one night) to be broadcast nationally on Saturdays during the regular season. CBS Radio's 1985 coverage, beginning May 25, will extend over 20 weeks. The network may also carry some key weekday contests toward the end of the season. The new agreement extends CBS Radio's previous four-year deal, which also contained broadcast rights to the All-Star Game, league playoffs and World Series.

Players May Propose End to Draft

A spokesman for the Major League Players Association says the players, in negotiating a new Basic Agreement with the owners, have proposed abolishment of the re-entry draft. "One of the things we're going to talk about is free agency," said Don Fehr, acting executive director of the association. "One of the things we'll talk about is whether the re-entry draft, which principally functions to limit the number of clubs that can talk to players, and vice versa, continues to have any purpose." Originally, no free agent could be drafted by more than 13 teams. That limit has been lifted and now, any team can draft any free agent. If a player is drafted by four or more teams, he can talk with only the teams that drafted him. One major issue in negotiations is the players' demand for a bigger slice of baseball's \$1 billion television contract with ABC and NBC, with the additional money going into the players' pension fund. The current Basic Agreement, which ended a seven-week players' strike in 1981, expires December 31. . . . The Pirates, for the time being, are eliminating fireworks night, their most successful promotion in a period of declining attendance at Three Rivers Stadium. Two incidents last season resulted in 19 injuries and at least one lawsuit.

White Sox Pulling for Cubs

Crosstown rivalry notwithstanding, the White Sox are pulling for the Cubs in the Rick Sutcliffe free-agent sweepstakes. "I hope Sutcliffe stays with the Cubs," said White Sox Manager Tony LaRussa, whose Comiskey Park charges dropped to fifth place in the American League West this year after winning the

division title in 1983. "I enjoy watching Sutcliffe and I think he's good for Chicago, but I don't think I could sit and enjoy what he can do if he were pitching for Kansas City," LaRussa told the Chicago Tribune's Fred Mitchell. Righthander Sutcliffe, a 20-game winner (16 victories for the Cubs and four for Cleveland) in 1984, reportedly is seeking a five-year contract at \$1.5 million a season. With all of the attention related to his free-agent status, Sutcliffe had to deal with a blessed event at his home in Lee's Summit, a Kansas City suburb. His hunting beagle gave birth to six puppies.

Gooden, Davis Are Rookies of the Year

By JACK LANG

NEW YORK—Two players who were not even on their teams' rosters in spring training were chosen as National League and American League rookies of the year by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Fireballing pitchers Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets was a landslide selection in the N.L., and first baseman Alvin Davis of the Seattle Mariners outdistanced teammate Mark Langston, a pitcher, for the A.L. honor.

Gooden received 23 of a possible 24 first-place votes in outdistancing Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Juan Samuel. Dave Nightingale, national correspondent for THE SPORTING NEWS, cast the only first-place vote for Samuel. ("I believe in voting for a position player over a pitcher in any award where both are eligible," Nightingale said.)

N.L. Rookie of the Year

Player, Club	1	2	3	Pts
Gooden, New York	23	1	—	118
Samuel, Philadelphia	1	20	2	67
Hershiser, Los Angeles	—	2	9	15
Gladden, San Francisco	—	1	6	9
Darling, New York	—	—	3	3
Martinez, San Diego	—	—	2	2
Stone, Philadelphia	—	—	1	1
Pendleton, St. Louis	—	—	1	1

A.L. Rookie of the Year

Player, Club	1	2	3	Pts
Davis, Seattle	25	3	—	134
Langston, Seattle	3	21	4	82
Puckett, Minnesota	—	4	11	23
Teufel, Minnesota	—	—	5	5
Young, Baltimore	—	—	3	3
Clemens, Boston	—	—	2	2
Gubicza, Kansas City	—	—	1	1
Nipper, Boston	—	—	1	1
Romanick, California	—	—	1	1

This Week on TBS Sports

NBA BASKETBALL

Sunday, December 9:
Kansas City Kings/Utah Jazz at Las Vegas
(8:05 p.m., Eastern Time)

Thursday, December 13:
Washington Bullets at Phoenix Suns
(9:05 p.m., Eastern Time)

COMING UP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, December 29:
Hall of Fame Bowl

NBA BASKETBALL

Sunday, December 16:
Utah Jazz at Milwaukee Bucks

Wednesday, December 19:
Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets

Saturday, December 22:
Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz

Tuesday, December 25:
New Jersey Nets at New York Knicks

Thursday, December 27:
Portland Trail Blazers at San Antonio Spurs

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Week in Review

AUTO RACING

Driving a Porsche 962 prototype at an average speed of 107.324 mph, the team of Al Holbert of Warrington, Pa., and England's Derek Bell won the Three Hours of Daytona sports car race by 30 seconds over a Jaguar driven by the Jacksonville, Fla., team of Brian Redman and Hurley Haywood.

Final 1984 standings for the 30-race Winston Cup Series for the NASCAR Grand National division: Terry Labonte, 4,508 points; Harry Gant, 4,443; Bill Elliott, 4,377; Dale Earnhardt, 4,265; Darrell Waltrip, 4,230; Bobby Allison, 4,094; Ricky Rudd, 3,918; Neil Bonnett, 3,802; Geoff Bodine, 3,734; and Richard Petty, 3,643.

BOWLING

Guppy Troup of Jacksonville, Fla., decked out in his patchwork pants for the national television audience, captured the \$27,000 first prize in the \$150,000 PBA Budweiser Classic at Columbus, O., by defeating top-seeded Norm Duke of Mount Pleasant, Tex., 236-181, in the championship game. Troup reached the championship match by downing Wayne Webb in the semifinals, 260-249. Troup struck on 17 of 23 shots in his last two games.

In the National Collegiate Bowling Tournament at fabled Tropicana Lanes in St. Louis, West Texas State won the men's championship and Wichita State took the women's title. Jack Jurek of West Texas State and Mark Watson of Ohio State tied for men's individual honors, and Donna DiTrani of Wichita State captured the women's crown.

BOXING

James (Heat) Kitchen of San Diego won the United States Boxing Association's middleweight title by knocking out defending champion Alex Ramos of New York in the ninth round of their scheduled 12-round bout at Stateline, Nev. The knockout was the 22nd in Kitchen's career and ran his record to 34-0-2.

In Bangkok, Thailand's Khaosi Galaxy knocked out Eusebio Espinal of the Dominican Republic in the sixth round to annex the vacant World Boxing Association junior bantamweight championship. Japan's Jiro Watanabe was stripped of the WBA crown three months ago because he fought Payao Pooltarat for the World Boxing Council's version of the title.

Featherweight contender Bernard Taylor of Knoxville remained unbeaten in 30 bouts with a unanimous decision over Pedro Montero of New York in a 10-round bout at St. Paul, Minn. Taylor is looking for a rematch with WBA champion Eusebio Pedroza. Pedroza and Taylor fought a 15-round draw in October of 1982.

HORSE RACING

Royal Heroine stalked front-running Sabin for a mile before cutting loose in the stretch to score a one-length victory in the mile-and-a-furlong \$200,000 Matriarch Stakes for fillies and mares on the turf at Hollywood Park, Calif. The Irish-bred filly, sent off as the 3-5 favorite with Fernando Toro in the irons, increased her career winnings to \$1,163,397 and virtually clinched the 1984 Eclipse Award for best grass mare.

Katsuragi Ace, a 40-1 shot, outran horses from the United States and Britain to become the first Japanese horse to win the \$579,000 Japan Cup before a crowd of 112,000 at Tokyo's Fuchu race track. British entrant Bedtime ran second. Another Japanese horse, Symbioli Rudolf, finished third and American entrant Majesty's Prince, ridden by Donald MacBeth, was fourth.

MOTORCYCLE RACING

Chris Crandall of Costa Mesa, Calif., won the 140-mile race from Barstow, Calif., to Las Vegas over a field of 1,200 competitors. An estimated 6,000 people watched as five waves of bikers battled across the Mojave Desert in the rain. The San Bernardino (Calif.) County Board of Supervisors rejected the Sierra Club's contention that the event "could cause serious ecological problems in the future."

OLYMPICS

A top Soviet Olympic official has indicated that the communist bloc may boycott the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, according to Japanese news dispatches from Moscow.



Derick Ringo Adamson

ROAD RUNNING

Ireland's John Treacy, the 1984 Olympic marathon silver medalist, won the 45th Manchester (Conn.) Road Race, which had 5,300 entrants. Treacy was clocked in 21:52 on the 4.7-mile course. Darlene Beckford of Boston was the top woman finisher in 26:04.

Defending champion Mark Nenow of Lexington, Ky., won the 5th annual Rosemont (Ill.) Turkey Trot. Nenow finished the 10 kilometers in 28:52, three seconds ahead of Kenya's Simeon Kigen. Sweden's Midde Hamrin, who placed fifth in the women's Olympic marathon, won the female division in 32:27.

Derick Ringo Adamson, a member of the Jamaican Olympic team living in New Jersey, outraced a field of more than 4,000 runners to win the fourth annual Philadelphia Independence Marathon in 2:16:39. Barbara Filutze of Erie, Pa., led the women in 2:42:30.

SOCCER

The Major Indoor Soccer League had the largest crowd in its seven-year history when 19,360 turned out in Cleveland to see the Force score a 6-1 home-opening triumph over the New York Cosmos.

TENNIS

The Swedish Davis Cup Committee said that the Davis Cup final, scheduled for Gothenburg December 16-18, will be played on clay, a surface that could give the Swedish baseline players an advantage over big-serving Americans John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors. Martina Navratilova registered her 13th tournament victory of the year when she defeated Ann Henricksson, 6-1, 6-1, in the final of the \$150,000 Women's Open Championships at Sydney, Australia. In the doubles final, Helen Sukova of Czechoslovakia and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany defeated Wendy Turnbull of Australia and Sharon Walsh of the U.S., 6-2, 7-6.

Seventh-seeded Carling Bassett of Canada was upset by South Africa's Beverley Mould, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, as the \$500,000 Australian Open got under way at Kooyong Stadium in Melbourne.

Mark Dickson won his first Grand Prix tournament when he edged defending champion Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland, 7-6, 6-4, in the final of the Toulouse Open in France. Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden and Michael Mortensen of Denmark won the doubles, 6-4, 6-2, over Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia and Tim Wilkison.

Eliot Teltscher beat Vitas Gerulaitis, 6-3, 6-1, to capture the South African Open at Johannesburg. Teltscher then teamed with American Steve Meister to win the doubles, 7-6, 6-2, over Gerulaitis and Johan Kriek.

TOUCH FOOTBALL

The Bud Light Jeff Tigers of Metairie, La., won their second National Touch Football League championship with a 27-24 triumph over the Michelob Light Beer Cats of Chicago in a 60-team tournament in St. Louis. Greg Kelly threw a 20-yard pass to Bill Huberty for the winning touchdown. The Jeff Tigers won their first national title in 1978.

Morning Olympic Finals Ruled Out

The International Amateur Athletic Federation, meeting in Canberra, Australia, rejected a submission from South Korea for a change in the timetable for track and field events at the 1988 Summer Games. Seoul organizers wanted to schedule the events for early morning to reap extra revenue from prime-time television rights in the United States.

The IAAF also rejected a request from U.S. officials for the reinstatement of hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah and sprinter Willie Gault on the grounds that they became professional football players.

Additionally, the IAAF affirmed lifetime bans on six athletes for drug infractions. Included was Soviet 3,000-meter world record holder Tatyna Kazankina. Besides Kazankina, others banned were American Al Shadenium, Mariti Vaino of Finland and Greeks Anna Verouli, Cleanthis Ierissiotis and Dimitris Delizfotis.

Arkansas, Badger Harriers Win Titles

Arkansas won the men's team championship and Wisconsin captured the women's crown in the NCAA Division I cross-country championships at University Park, Pa.

Although Arkansas didn't place a runner among the top 10 finishers, the Razorbacks placed five in the top 40. Arizona came in second and Tennessee was third. In the women's division, Stanford was second and North Carolina State was third.

Ed Eyestone of Brigham Young and Cathy Branta of Wisconsin were the individual winners.

Art of Falconry In Toronto Revival?

The Toronto Blue Jays are investigating the possibility of hiring a falconer to use birds of prey—hawks and falcons—to frighten away sea gulls before each home game. The club is seeking ways to get rid of the gulls that have interfered with play and regularly fouled seats in Exhibition Stadium, situated on the Lake Ontario waterfront. In 1982, Dave Winfield of the New York Yankees aroused the ire of wildlife enthusiasts when he accidentally killed a sea gull when he hit it with a warmup throw.

A club spokesman said that if the Blue Jays decide to go ahead with the plan, a falconer would unleash the birds several hours before each game. The birds of prey also could be loosed during a lull in the action if the gulls were presenting a problem.



Nicklaus Skins 'Em With \$240,000 Putt

Broken down, it comes to \$24,000 a foot or \$2,000 an inch.

Even Jack Nicklaus had not encountered such numbers in his storied career. But he met the challenge, sinking a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a \$240,000 jackpot in the Skins Game at the Desert Highland golf course in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Besides Nicklaus, the players in the Skins Game were Tom Watson, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. The first six holes were worth \$10,000 apiece, the second six were worth \$20,000 each, and the last six holes were worth \$30,000 apiece. If two or more golfers tied for the low score on a hole, the money carried over to the next hole.

Going to the 18th hole of the second nine-hole round, no player had won a hole. So all the money for the second day's play was on the line at the 18th.

"The pressure was on 16 and 17," Nicklaus said, referring to putts on the two previous holes that forced ties and carried the jackpot to the 18th. "At 18, I had a free run. If I miss that, I'm still going on. But obviously I didn't want to do that."

In birdie attempts on the final hole, Watson was two inches wide to the left, Player rolled his ball to the rim of the cup and Palmer was two inches wide to the right. Nicklaus then dropped his decisive putt.

In the opening day's action, Watson took home all the \$120,000 available while the other three walked away empty-handed.

The competition marked the final year of play outside the PGA sanction. The PGA will take over the tournament next year, implementing new requirements for participation.

FOR THE RECORD

Transactions

Baseball

Braves—Signed catcher John Lickert and infielder Glenn Gulliver as free agents.

Dodgers—Assigned pitcher Vance Love-lace outright to Albuquerque.

Basketball

Cavaliers—Released guard Robert Smith; signed center Mark West as a free agent.

Knicks—Reactivated forward Eddie Wilkins from injured list.

Nets—Placed center Tom LaGarde (sprained calf muscle) on injured list; reactivated guard Fouts Walker from injured list.

Pistons—Released guard Terry Teagle; reactivated forward Dan Roundfield from injured list; placed swingman Kelly Tripucka (hamstring pull) on injured list; signed guard Brook Stepe as a free agent.

Suns—Placed forward Mike Sanders (knee surgery) on injured list.

Hockey

Black Hawks—Assigned center Ken Yaremchuk to Milwaukee.

Capitals—Assigned left wing Gaetan Duchesne to Binghamton and recalled goal-

tender Bob Mason from same club.

Flames—Recalled centers Bruce Eakin and Joel Otto from Moncton; returned Eakin at a later date.

Flyers—Returned right wing Paul Guay to Springfield and recalled center Tim Young from same club.

Islanders—Traded goaltender Roland Melanson to North Stars for Minnesota's first-round draft pick in either 1985 or '86 (with New York having that choice).

Kings—Assigned left wing Daryl Evans to New Haven.

Maple Leafs—Recalled defenseman Craig Muni from St. Catharines.

Nordiques—Returned defenseman Claude Julien and Roger Hagglund to Fredericton.

North Stars—Returned goaltender Lorne Molleken to Springfield.

Penguins—Recalled center Mitch Lamoureux from Baltimore.

Rangers—Assigned center Larry Patey to New Haven and recalled center Robbie Ftorek and left wing Chris Kontos from same club.

Red Wings—Returned center Shawn Burr to Kitchener.

Football

NFL

Broncos—Activated WR Clint Sampson from injured reserve; released WR Zach Thomas; signed for '85 LB Craig Shaffer (Cardinals '84).

Browns—Signed OT George Lilja (recently released by Jets) and TE Darryl Lewis (Patriots camp '84); awarded LB Stuart Anderson on procedural waivers from Redskins; placed TE Rickey Bolden (shoulder) on injured reserve; released RB James Black and LB Jim Dumont.

Cardinals—Activated WR Clyde Duncan from injured reserve; placed S Bill Whitaker (ankle) on injured reserve.

Chargers—Signed QB Bill Kay (recently released by Cardinals); released and re-signed S Scott Byers.

Cowboys—Re-signed P John Warren; placed DB Carl Howard (knee) on injured reserve.

Eagles—Activated WR Kenny Jackson from injured reserve; placed WR Joe Hayes (sprained ankle) on injured reserve.

Falcons—Signed QB Bob Holly (recently released by Eagles); placed QB Steve Bartkowski (knee) on injured reserve.

Jets—Activated RB Cedric Minter from injured reserve; signed DB Mike Dennis (recently released by Chargers); placed S Ken Schroy (shoulder) on injured reserve; released RB Dennis Bligen.

Oilers—Correcting deal of previous week, DE Bryan Caldwell was released not placed on injured reserve; activated S Bo Eason from injured reserve and S Mike Kennedy from reserve/non-football injury; placed K Florian Kempf (back) on injured reserve.

Raiders—Activated LB Larry McCoy from injured reserve after clearing procedural waivers; placed LB Bob Nelson (knee) on injured reserve.

Redskins—Activated WR Charlie Brown from injured reserve; lost LB Stuart Anderson on procedural waivers to Browns; released WR Virgil Seay.

Saints—Activated WR Eugene Goodlow and G Brad Edelman from injured reserve and NT Tony Elliott from exempt status; placed RB Tim Wilson and TE John Tice (ankle) on injured reserve and WR Kenny Duckett on reserve/non-football injury.

Seahawks—Activated LB Michael Jackson from injured reserve; released S Bonnie Ray Wilmer.

Vikings—Signed DE Hassan Arbubakrr

(Buccaneers camp '84); placed DE Mark Mullaney (nerve damage, neck) on injured reserve.

USFL

Gunslingers—Signed RB Billy Campfield (Gunslingers '84).

Showboats—Signed following '84 territorial picks: OT Steve Knight (Cowboys camp '84), WR Golden Tate (Colts camp '84) and RB Chuck Coleman (Falcons camp '84); signed '84 draft choice LBs Jeff Tootle (12th, Chiefs and Colts camp '84) and Alan Neal (17th, Broncos camp '84), WRs Steve Brown (Seahawks camp '84), Leon Floyd (Showboats camp '84), Freddie Brown (Seahawks camp '84), Jim Roundtree and Darrell Terrell (Saints camp '84), DE Winfred Carraway (Panthers camp '83, Ottawa-CFL camp '84), P Greg Catter (Bills camp '84), Gs Bob Norris (Showboats '84), Derrick McConchie (Bills camp '84) and Mark Krevis (Seahawks camp '84), DTs Ed Norman (Showboats camp '84), Larry White (Blitz camp '84, Bills camp '84) and Ron Norman (Stallions camp '84), RB Leonard Williams (Showboats '84), Chiefs camp '84), LBs Mark Dennen (Seahawks camp '84), Bob O'Connor (Showboats camp '84, Eagles camp '84), Jordan Boyd and Mike Morris, CB Mike Ritchie (Saints camp '84) and S Brian O'Neil (Jets camp '84).

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